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BLACK LAGOON

Crew of the Black Lagoon

Dutch

SKIPPER OF THE OF THE *BLACK LAGOON* AND LEADER OF THE CREW. DUTCH STAYS COOL NO MATTER HOW BAD THINGS GET. HIS BACKGROUND INCLUDES MILITARY SERVICE, INCLUDING A TOUR IN VIETNAM.

Benny

THE MAN IN CHARGE OF THE HIGH-TECH ELECTRONICS ONBOARD THE *BLACK LAGOON*. BENNY ESCAPED FROM THE U.S. AND IS ON THE RUN FROM BOTH THE FBI AND THE MAFIA.

Rock

A FORMER JAPANESE *SALARYMAN*, WHOSE REAL NAME IS ROKURŌ OKAJIMA. ABANDONED BY HIS COMPANY AFTER THE CREW OF THE *BLACK LAGOON* ABDUCTED HIM, ROCK LATER JOINED HIS CAPTORS.

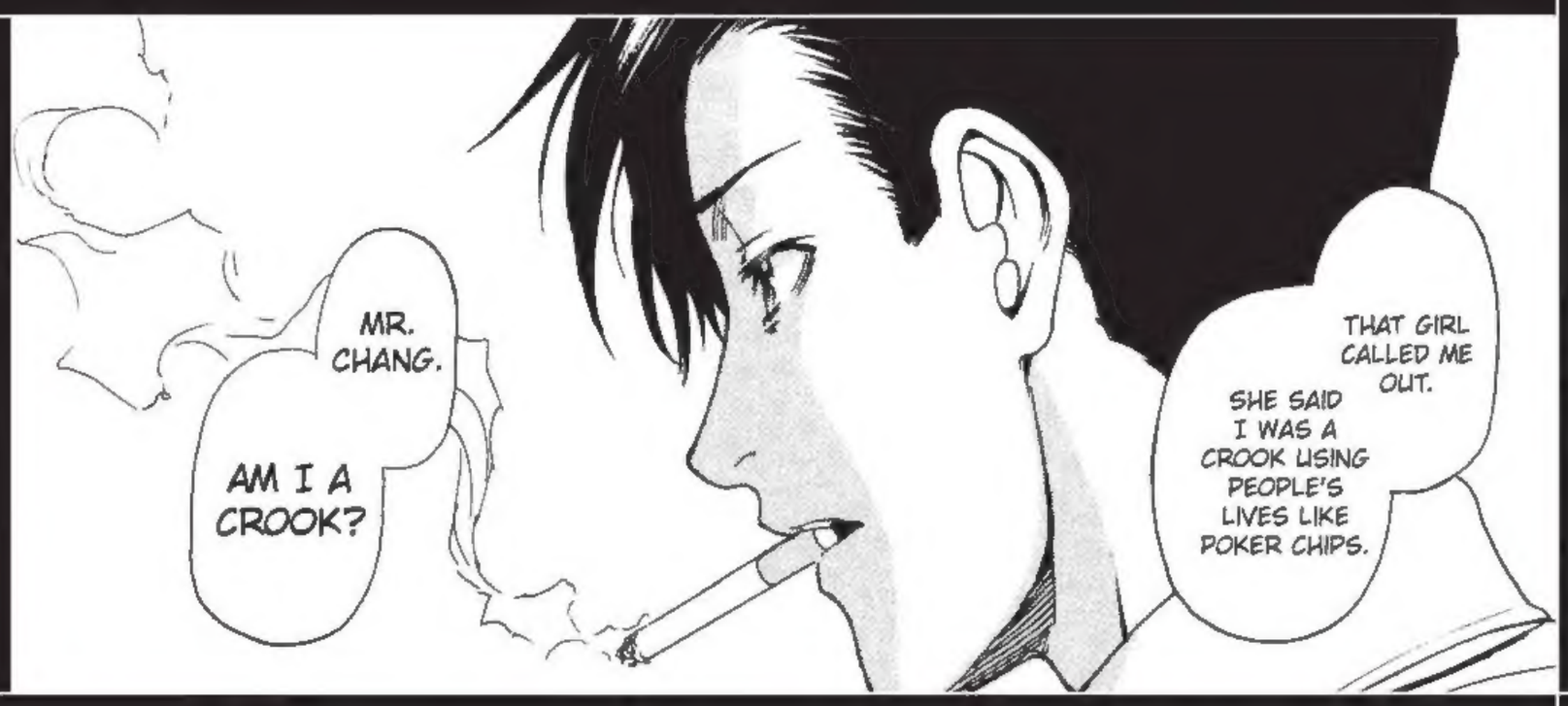
Revy

THE *BLACK LAGOON'S* TOP GUNSLINGER, NICKNAMED "TWO HAND." HER FOUL MOUTH AND EXTREMELY SHORT FUSE USUALLY GET HER IN LOTS OF TROUBLE.

STORY

Rock, AKA Rokurō Okajima, a Japanese salaryman, is abducted by a band of smugglers while on a business trip in Southeast Asia. Abandoned by his company, he takes on the nickname 'Rock' and finds a new job in the shady smuggling trade. He begins his new criminal life in vice-filled Roanapur, Thailand, the Lagoon Traders' base of operations...

After surviving countless terrible situations, Rock becomes more hardened. However, the deadly South American maid Roberta's second visit to Roanapur ended bitterly for Rock...



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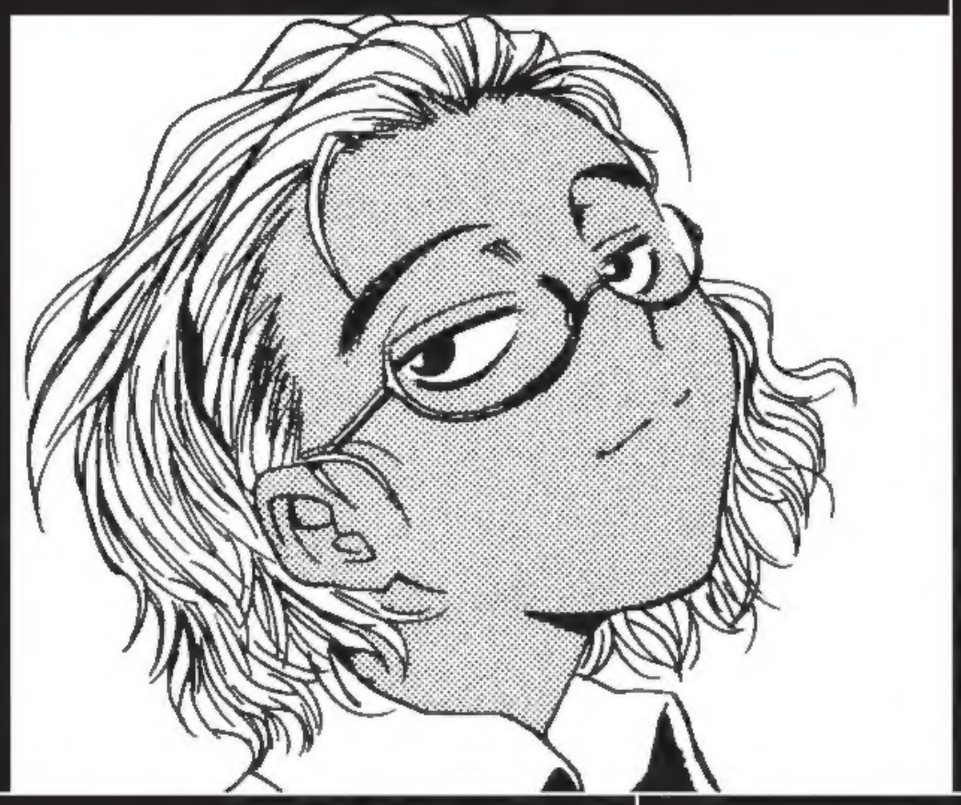

Jane

Leader of an international counterfeiting group. After various incidents in Roanapur, she is now Benny's girlfriend.

Sawyer

Underground cleaner. Her weapon of choice is a chainsaw. Friends with Shenhua and Lotton.

Ronnie

A member of the Sicilian Mafia, now attempting to extend their influence in Roanapur.

Bao

Owner of the 'Yellow Flag' bar. A former South Vietnamese Army deserter.

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Chapter 77: The Wired Red Wild Card 007

TNK

TRIPLE...

...FIFTEEN.

NICE SCORE.

I'VE HAD IT.

I'M DONE STICKING MY NECK OUT.

FOR WHAT?

OH, YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT RECENT EVENTS? GOTCHA.

HOW'S YOUR RIB?

I'VE LEARNED MY LESSON.

THINGS JUST DON'T TURN OUT WELL.

IT'S CRACKED.

MY DEEPEST SYMPATHIES.

BUT YOU CAN MOVE AROUND NOW, CAN'T YOU?

YOU GOT EVERYONE OUT SUCCESS-FULLY.

YOU PROTECTED MR. CHAN'S INTERESTS.

TO BE HONEST, EVEN I DIDN'T THINK YOU COULD DO IT.

IT'S NOT ABOUT WHETHER I CAN MOVE OR NOT.

TOK

IT'S REALLY NOTHING TO GRUMBLE ABOUT, ROCK.

YOU DID GOOD GIVEN THE CIRCUM-STANCES. AM I WRONG?

I THOUGHT IT'D BE ONE OR THE OTHER.

TOK

...END UP IN A DITCH SOME-WHERE.

EITHER YOU WERE GONNA LEAVE THIS PLACE OR...

I THOUGHT I DID WELL TOO...

BUT ALL THE THANKS I GOT WAS A CRACKED RIB.

YOU SHOULD BE HAPPY IT WAS JUST A CRACKED RIB OR TWO. I'LL PUT IT TO YOU THIS WAY...

YOU PUT EVERYTHING THEY OWNED INTO AN INCREDIBLY DANGEROUS FUTURES TRANSACTION.

C'MON, DON'T GIMME THAT LOOK.

I'M NOT JUDGING YOU.

TOK

IT JUST MEANS SOLIDARITY MATTERS MORE TO SOME PEOPLE...

...THAN RESULTS. A CONFIRMATION OF WILL OVER OUTCOMES.

"HEADS I WIN, TAILS YOU LOSE."

AND NOT KNOWING THE PERSONAL RISKS YOU TOOK, THAT'S HOW IT LOOKED TO THEM.

BUT UNFORTUNATELY THAT'S NOT HOW THE WORLD WORKS.

THK

SO YOU'LL BE BREAKING SOME MORE RIBS. IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THAT.

IF THERE WERE ONLY ONE SET OF VALUES IN THE WORLD...

...NOBODY WOULD COMPLAIN IF CAMPBELL'S CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP WAS THE ONLY THING WE HAD TO EAT.

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AND REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THAT'S GOOD OR BAD, THE WORLD WOULD BE AT PEACE.

...

HAVE I...

... CHANGED ?

I DON'T KNOW.

MAYBE, MAYBE NOT.

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FABIOLA WAS...

NO.

MAYBE THEY...

...ALL WERE...

...AFRAID OF YOU.

R R R R

BIP HELLO?

YEAH.

PROB-ABLY.

IS THAT JANE?

SHE MAY NOT LOOK IT...

...BUT SHE'S PUNCTUAL.

ZIFF

CHF

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ZIFF

YAH!

I THOUGHT ABOUT DROPPING EVERYTHING TO GO FLYING INTO YOUR ARMS SO MANY TIMES!

I MISSED YOU SO MUCH! EMAILS WERE ALL WE HAD FOR SIX MONTHS! YOU REALIZE HOW WORN OUT I AM?!

OH, SWEETIE PIE!

YOU REALLY THINK SO...?

OF COURSE.

WELL YOU DON'T LOOK SO HAPPY.

YOU WEREN'T FOOLING AROUND WITH OTHER GIRLS WHILE I WAS AWAY, WERE YOU?

OH...

WOW.

THAT'S REALLY SEXY.

I WAS SO HAPPY WHEN THIS OP-PORTUNITY CAME UP! SEE, LOOK! LOOK!

I BOUGHT A TON OF LINGERIE AT 'SHAME'!

IT ACCENTUATES MY BOOBS. IT OPENS UP RIGHT HERE!

YOU GUYS GONNA SCREW EACH OTHER RIGHT HERE?!

WHOA, WHOA, WHOA.

TH

CAN'T YOU TAKE A HINT?!

OH, C'MON. I WOULD NEVER...

HERE, SUFFOCATE ON THESE!

Moomf

UMP

HEAR THAT, MY SWEET BAGEL?

I'D BE DOWN FOR THAT.

WHAT I'M SAYIN' IS, YOU CAN HAVE YOUR CHOICE OF ROOMS.

IT'S YOUR LUCKY DAY. THIRTY BUCKS TILL TOMORROW MORNING.

MISS, WHY DON'T YOU GO UPSTAIRS IF YOU'RE FEELING HORNY.

IT'S WAY CLEANER THAN SOME CHEAP BEDBUG RIDDEN MOTEL AROUND HERE. AND IT'S EQUIPPED WITH SOME SPECIAL FEATURES.

OH?

I THOUGHT IT WAS A WHORE-HOUSE UP-STAIRS?

UH...

CHOCOLATE PIE, LISTEN.

WHAT, DARLING?

OH, WHAT?

IF THAT'S HOW IT'S GONNA BE, SHOULDN'T YOU LET US USE THE ROOM FOR FREE?

BY TOMORROW MORNING, THEY'LL BE SELLING A SEX TAPE OF US ALL OVER TOWN FOR 25 BUCKS A POP.

LET'S SAY WE DO SPEND THE NIGHT HERE...

I'M NOT GONNA BE CALLED GREEDY BY SOMEONE WHO MAKES MONEY ON THE SIDE FROM A PEEP SHOW!

UH...

I'M SORRY, BUT AREN'T YOU TWO FORGETTING SOMETHING?

YOU ARE ONE GREEDY BITCH.

WHO WANTS TO PAY TO SEE YOU GUYS FUCKING IN THE FIRST PLACE?

PORN ACTRESSES GET PAID TOO. ISN'T THIS A CAPITALIST COUNTRY?

UH, HONEY ...

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT...

OH!

MY PART-NER!

OH RIGHT, I COM-PLETELY FORGOT.

GIMME A BREAK.

I'M OUTTA HERE.

HONEY, DON'T BE SO SNAPPY.

HE'S HERE FOR A REASON.

I BROUGHT HIM HERE SO HE COULD SHOW YOUR PARTNER AROUND.

PARTNER ?

OH, YOU'RE STILL HERE?

YOU CAN GO NOW.

FINE.

BENNY, I'M OUT. HAVE FUN.

SHE'S PROBABLY LOST SOME-WHERE.

THIS IS NO TOWN FOR A FIRST-TIMER TO BE WANDERING AROUND.

THAT'S WEIRD...

SHE SHOULD BE HERE BY NOW.

SHE COULD BE...

...LYING IN AN ALLEY SOMEWHERE WITH A HOLE IN HER CHEST.

YOU DIDN'T THINK THIS THROUGH, DID YOU?

OH, SHUT UP...

SHE HAS THE ADDRESS. SHE'S A GROWN WOMAN. SHE CAN FIND HER WAY HERE.

PLEASE.

SHE'LL BE FINE.

UNLESS THERE'S A CIVIL WAR GOING ON HERE.

LET ME GIVE YOU A WORD OF ADVICE.

YOU'RE NAÏVE.

DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY LOSERS AND UNAFFILIATED IDIOTS THERE ARE IN THIS TOWN?

IF YOU THINK THEY ALL EARN A LIVING DELIVERING PIZZAS YOU'RE DEAD WRONG.

YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU THE LAST TIME YOU WERE HERE, HAVE YOU?

IF SHE'S NOT THE TYPE TO BE LATE, IT'S NOT A GOOD SIGN THAT SHE'S NOT HERE.

HONEY, WE HAVE TO FIND HER.

YOU GOT A PHOTO OR ANYTHING?

THAT'S RIGHT, A PHOTO!

HEHE... YOU WANNA SEE?

WHAT?

WHAT'S THE CREEPY LAUGH FOR?

POING

OH!

PHOTO!

ONE THING BEFORE I SHOW YOU.

DON'T SAY A WORD TO ANYONE ABOUT THIS PICTURE.

OKAY?

THE CIRCUS MONKEY I SAW AS A KID LOOKED LIKE THAT.

IT'S LIKE THE SHICHIGOSAN FESTIVAL.

THAT'S BAD...

WHOEVER TOOK THAT HAD BAD INTENTIONS.

THE CLOTHES ARE WEARING HER INSTEAD.

IT HAS TO BE A HALLOWEEN COSTUME. THIS PICTURE IS A GUARANTEED LAUGH.

SHE COULD BE NEAR THE MARKET IN RAM SAP.

I'LL GO WITH YOU. WE CAN'T HAVE HER GOING INTO THE SLUMS.

WHAT? WAIT, HOLD ON!

TAKE ME AROUND THE FOOD STALLS IF WE'RE GOING OUT!

KLHAK

JUST BARELY.

WELL ...

AT LEAST I KNOW WHAT SHE LOOKS LIKE NOW.

ANYWAY...

WE BETTER FIND HER BEFORE IT GETS DARK.

KTNK

SHE CAN'T BE DRESSED LIKE THAT ANYMORE.

CHK!

VR

รับ!!

THEY...

...TOOK EVERYTHING.

HUH ?!!

HEY.

YOU'RE EARLY.

WE SHOULD GO. GET THE CAR.

CANCEL THE FOOD STANDS.

NO WAY!

THAT'S HER?!

PSHH!

NO, BOSS.

I TOOK A LONG DISTANCE BUS, THEN A TUK-TUK FROM BANGKOK, BUT...

THANKS.

SO THOSE GUYS ON THE BIKE STOLE ALL YOUR LUGGAGE?

IT'S NOT COLD, BUT THAT'S ALL WE'VE GOT.

WHOA...

ONE THING AFTER ANOTHER.

SO I WALKED THE REST OF THE WAY, THEN RAN INTO THOSE TWO.

...AS SOON AS I GOT OFF THE TUK-TUK, MY BIGGEST SUITCASE WAS STOLEN.

THEN WHILE I WAS WAITING AT THE POLICE STATION, MY WALLET WAS PICKPOCKETED FROM MY JACKET.

TELL ME YOUR ACTUAL BACK-GROUND.

BUT ALL I KNOW ABOUT YOU IS YOUR PERSONAL PROFILE AND HANDLE ON THE "ELECTRO BANDITS FORUM."

ANYWAY, I'M SURE YOU KNOW WHO I AM...

I'LL COVER YOUR EXPENSES AND REPLACE THE EQUIPMENT, SO DON'T WORRY.

YES, BOSS.

I'M FROM HONG KONG. I STUDIED ENGINEERING AT SOUTH HAMPTON. I SPECIALIZE IN FORTRAN.

I WENT BY "VIOLET SPEAR" ON THE FORUM, BUT MY REAL NAME IS FENG YIFEI.

IT WOULD BE AN HONOR TO JOIN YOUR GROUP!

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THEIR SECURITY IS SO LAX FOR A RESEARCH FACILITY.

THE PORTS ARE STILL SET AT DEFAULT... NO COUNTER-MEASURES WHATSOEVER.

THEY'RE NOT TAKING ME SERIOUSLY. IT'LL TAKE ME HALF A DAY AT MOST TO...

USE A COUPLER.

THE "OWNER" WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO YOU PERSONALLY. CALL DESIGNATION 9771 WHEN YOU'RE READY.

YEAH ...

IT'S ME. IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME.

ANY DEVELOP-MENTS SINCE YOU MADE CONTACT?

IT'S RED SPEAR, COLONEL.

PENETRATION HAS GONE EXTREMELY WELL SINCE ESTABLISHING CONTACT.

I WAS RIGHT TO HAVE SELECTED YOU FROM THE THIRD DEPARTMENT OF THE GENERAL STAFF. I COULDN'T BE MORE PROUD.

THE SMELL IS ABOUT THE ONLY THING I HAVE TO COMPLAIN ABOUT...

THE SMELL?

WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU MEAN?

-9 HOURS AGO-

HEY...

BEFORE WE START, THERE'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO SAY...

THIS ROOM...

...STINKS, DOESN'T IT?

ACTUALLY, I WAS THINKING THE SAME THING.

ME TOO, BOSS.

NOBODY MENTIONED IT, SO I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST ME.

UH, LISTEN UP, GUYS.

OF COURSE I NOTICED TOO, BUT THERE'S A REASON I DIDN'T BRING IT UP.

IT'S BECAUSE ...

DM DM DM

GULP

BENNY! GRAB THAT CHAIR FROM HER!!

HONEY, RELAX! SHE'S JUST HERE TO DO HER JOB!

WHOA! RELAX!

CORPSES WITH SPECIAL CIRCUM-STANCES OR THOSE SCHED-ULED TO BE CORPSES...

SHE CLEANS THEM UP.

KLU NK

SHE'S A CLEANER BY TRADE.

I-I-I-I-I-I...

I KNOW HER! I REMEM-BER THIS SICKO!!

YOU TWO MAY HAVE GOTTEN OFF ON THE WRONG FOOT.

THAT'S NOT EVEN PUTTING IT MILDLY ENOUGH!

KRIK

KRAK

SWEETIE, HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND?!

YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?! SHE ALMOST KILLED ME!!

HONEY, I CALLED HER HERE!

WHO HIRED YOU?! DON'T TELL ME IT'S GIROLAMO'S PEOPLE AGAIN?!

WHAT?

ME?

BWP BWP

YOU GOTTA BE KIDDIN' ME!!

ONLY A SAINT OR MOTHER TERESA COULD INVITE HER TO TEA WITH A SMILE!

SF

OH, YOU'RE WRITING.

UM... "I DIDN'T BRING MY 'VOICE' SO...THIS IS HOW I'LL COMMUNICATE"?

W...

WHAT?

KNK

WAIT, WAIT, WAIT.

I'M NOT QUITE GETTING IT.

"I CLEANED AND DISINFECTED THE REST..."

"...YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO USE THE ROOM."

UH...

"I ONLY CAME TO DISPOSE OF SOMETHING I FORGOT TO CLEAN UP."

ENOUGH WITH THE LEAD IN! WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH HER...?

AH... I UNDER-STAND NOW.

THE MOTELS ARE PACKED WITH LONG-TERM VISITORS HERE FOR THE SEX TRADE THIS TIME OF YEAR...

BUT STAYING OUTSIDE THE CITY WOULD MAKE OUR COMING AND GOING A PAIN IN THE ASS.

THEN, LUCKILY, THIS ROOM OPENED UP.

THAT WAS JUST YESTERDAY.

LET ME EXPLAIN.

I WAS LOOKING FOR A ROOM FOR YOU, SWEETIE, BUT... ...I WAS HAVING A HARD TIME.

"YOU, WITH THE FORE-HEAD."

"BINGO."

JAB

...GOT INTO A SITUATION SHE HAD TO HANDLE PERSONALLY. AM I UNDER-STANDING IT CORRECTLY?

IN OTHER WORDS, WHOEVER WAS STAYING HERE...

BUCKETS?

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UGH... DON'T MAKE ME SAY IT...

"IT TOOK A LOT OF WORK TO CARRY THEM OUT."

"BODY BAGS WERE USELESS, SO WE HAD TO CARRY THEM OUT IN BUCKETS."

"FOUR HOODS WERE SHOT TO DEATH HERE. AND..."

FOREHEAD ...?!

"...THAT WAS TWO WEEKS AGO."

DO NOT ENTER

DO NOT E

UGH...

THAT BURRITO I HAD FOR LUNCH IS COMING UP.

STOP!

I DON'T NEED THE DETAILS!!

"TWO WEEKS IN THIS HEAT WITHOUT AIR-CONDITION-ING..."

"THEY BLOATED UP FROM DECOMPOSITION AND EXPLODED. THEY WERE LIKE SOUP, SO IT WAS NECESSARY TO..."

STICK

AND SO...

...THE STUFF YOU FORGOT TO CLEAN IS THE CAUSE OF THIS SMELL?

HEY HEY

SKWIK SKWIK

EEW...

IT'S COVERED IN SOMETHING OILY.

WHAT IS THIS?

THAT MAT-TRESS?

WHAT? YOU WANT ME TO HELP?

DA

SH

HUH?

WHAT ?!

THAT MATTRESS IS THE BREAD...

...AND THE BUTTER IS HUMAN...

AK

I GET IT.

I DON'T WANT TO, BUT I DO.

GULP

HG

BLEEAA

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ONCE I COMPLETE THE TASK I HAVE AT HAND...

...I BELIEVE I CAN ADVANCE TO THE NEXT PHASE AS A MEMBER OF THE INTERNET GROUP SHE HAS TIES WITH.

PLEASE DON'T BE, SIR.

WHAT AN UNPROFES-SIONAL GROUP.

I'M SORRY, SERGEANT.

UGH...

IT'S NOT THAT COMPLICATED.

I JUST NEED TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THE JOB REQUIRES.

YES, COLONEL MA.

UNFORTUNATELY, THE JOB WASN'T RELATED TO THE "COUNTERFEIT CLUB." HOWEVER...

SO ASIDE FROM YOUR ACCOMMODATIONS, YOU'RE OFF ON THE RIGHT TRACK.

I'M SURE YOU'VE MADE YOUR PERIODIC REPORT TO THE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER, BUT...

...WHAT WAS THE SUBSTANCE OF THE JOB SHE ASSIGNED YOU?

YOU KNOW WHO THE "HIGHWAYMEN" ARE, DON'T YOU?

THEY ASKED ME TO FIND SOME HELP.

REINBACH A.G., THE GERMAN ELECTRONICS MANUFACTURER...

WE'RE AFTER THE AVIONICS DATA THEY'RE DEVELOPING.

YUP.

THE HIGHWAYMEN...

THEY'RE THAT UNDERGROUND FORUM SPECIALIZING IN CORPORATE ESPIONAGE, AREN'T THEY, BOSS?

OH, SWEETIE. IT'S A PIECE OF CAKE.

ANYWAY, YOUR ASSIGNMENT.

REINBACH ?!

THAT'S HEAVY STUFF, HONEY.

...YOU BRING ME AS MUCH AS YOU CAN FIND? HOW'S THAT?

KCHK

REINBACH'S SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION IN WÜRZBURG.

I WANT YOU TO SIFT THROUGH PROGRAMS RELATED TO AVIONICS ON THEIR MAIN SERVER. HOW ABOUT...

NO.

SHALL I START BY SEARCHING THROUGH THEIR...

...DNS SERVER FIRST?

THEY'VE HAD DEALINGS WITH REINBACH IN THE PAST, SO...

...IT WON'T HURT THEM EVEN IF THEIR ACCESS LOGS ARE INSPECTED.

THERE'S A TRADING COMPANY CALLED ANNENHEIM DISTRIBUTIONS IN LEIDEN.

WE'VE BORROWED THEIR CHIMNEY FOR ANOTHER JOB BEFORE.

YOU'LL USE THAT AS A STEPPING-STONE.

DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT?

YES, BOSS. A LITTLE.

YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THAT. I BELIEVE I'M EXPERIENCED ENOUGH.

...

SO YOU'RE SAYING A BACK DOOR ALREADY EXISTS...?

BUT DON'T WORRY.

USE YOUR HEAD WHERE YOU HAVE TO, DON'T SCREW UP WHERE YOU SHOULDN'T, AND YOU'LL PASS THE TEST.

WE'RE HAPPY, YOU'RE HAPPY, AND THE CLUB WILL WELCOME YOU WITH OPEN ARMS. IS THAT TOO DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND?

IF YOUR CONFIDENCE ISN'T MATCHED BY YOUR SKILLS...

...I WANT YOU TO BE THE ONLY PERSON THAT GETS PUT ON THE ICPO'S LIST, YOU UNDERSTAND?

LISTEN.

WE DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO BE MESSING AROUND WITH A NEWCOMER.

WELL, GOOD.

THOUGHT YOU WERE GONNA BITE MY HEAD OFF WITH THE WAY YOU WERE LOOKING AT ME.

NO...

NOT AT ALL, BOSS.

CLAP

SHOW US YOU'RE NOT JUST ANOTHER...

...SCRIPT KIDDIE.

ALL RIGHT.

MISS FU MANCHU.

IF THIS ISN'T WHAT THEY CALL THE AUDACITY OF THIEVES. HOW INFURIATING.

...

I UNDERSTAND THE GENERAL IDEA, SERGEANT.

THE EXPERTISE WE GAIN FROM THE ONGOING OPERATIONS BY SECOND DEPARTMENT FIRST BUREAU...

...WILL BE COMPILED AS A TECHNOLOGICAL MANUAL THAT WILL BECOME THE BASIS OF *WANG JUN*. AND...

...ALL OF YOU WILL HAVE THE HONOR OF BEING THE VERY FIRST INSTRUCTORS.

...IS THE START OF WINNING THE CYBER WAR...

...THAT IS TO COME IN THE 21ST CENTURY.

SERGEANT.

THE ARMY IS MAKING RAPID PROGRESS IN CREATING OUR *WANG JUN*, OUR CYBER ARMY.

I WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE OPERATION YOU ARE CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN...

MM.

I'M EXPECTING CONTINUED DILIGENCE FROM YOU, SERGEANT.

SHEN-NONGJIA, SHANG XIAO.

FROM SHE... UH... SHEN...

IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, YOU ARE FROM THE HUBEI PROVINCE, AREN'T YOU?

OH...

THAT'S IT, THAT'S IT. I'M SORRY.

...IT IS NICE TO SEE AN OUTSTANDING OFFICER COME FROM SUCH A REMOTE PROV-INCE. YOU ARE THE PRIDE OF THE P.L.A.!

WHILE MOST TECHNICAL OFFICERS COME FROM THE CENTRAL REGION...

I AM DEEPLY HONORED...

...COLONEL MA.

WE WILL BE ABLE TO TRIUMPHANTLY MAKE A BUDGET REQUEST TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND THE CENTRAL MILITARY COMMISSION.

IT IS NOT AN EXAGGERATION TO SAY THAT THE FUTURE OF THE P.L.A. RESTS ON YOUR SHOULDERS!

YOUR SACRIFICE ...

...RIVALS THE BRAVERY SHOWN BY THE PEOPLE'S VOLUNTEER ARMY.

YOUR FAMILY MUST BE...

...SO PROUD OF YOU.

I WOULDN'T KNOW.

...

...

PERHAPS.

WELL, ALL RIGHT.

I'LL CONTACT YOU AGAIN. CARRY ON WITH YOUR ASSIGNMENT.

NO, COLONEL.

UH...

HAVE I SAID SOMETHING I SHOULDN'T HAVE?

SO THAT'S WHAT THAT CHARADE WAS ABOUT.

WHEN DID YOU REALIZE SHE WAS AN AGENT, HONEY?

KRII...

IT WAS EXACTLY LIKE THE TECHNIQUES USED BY THE UNKNOWN HACKERS WE SEE COMING OUT OF BEIJING.

THE WAY SHE ATTACKED THE UNITED STATES JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.

WHEN ?

FROM WHEN SHE VISITED THE FORUM.

...WERE ABLE TO TRIPLE THE FEE FROM REINBACH.

ZAP

UNLUCKY FOR HER, BUT IT WAS LUCKY FOR US.

THANKS TO HER SHOWING UP, THE HIGH-WAYMEN...

AFTER DOING SOME DIGGING, SURE ENOUGH, I FOUND HER PHOTO IN...

...THE P.L.A.'S XI'AN COMMUNICATION INSTITUTE'S STUDENT RECORDS.

YOUR FRIENDS?

YUP.

MAGGIE D IN LYON IS OBSERV-ING HER WORK.

WELL...

IT'S ABOUT TIME I CALL IN.

IT'S SO SAD.

POOR MISS PEKING DUCK.

SHE'S NOT THE ONE DOING THE STEALING, SHE'S THE ONE BEING STOLEN FROM!

IF SHE'S SUCCESSFUL WITH THE "DICTIONARY ATTACK" AND BEGINS HER INFILTRATION...

...HER EVERY ACTION WILL BE RECORDED.

THAT MOTEL IN CHARK-WAN?!

THAT DUMP?! REALLY?!

JACK DANIEL'S

IT WAS SOME AUSSIE AND HIS LOVER OUT IN THE WESTERNERS' DISTRICT IN CAMBODIA OR SOMETHING...

TRYING TO MAKE A NAME FOR THEMSELVES IN THIS TOWN SEALED THEIR FATE.

...WERE NEWCOMERS WHO ROLLED IN HERE RECENTLY AND WEREN'T UNDER ANYBODY'S PROTECTION AT THE TIME.

THE GUYS THAT WERE RENTING IT...

AND?

WHO TOOK THEM IN?

EXACTLY.

SLURP

THEY WERE STUPID OF COURSE.

WHAT WERE THEY THINKING?

THIS PLACE IS SHEER CHAOS.

THERE'RE PLENTY OF PIMPS ANYWHERE YOU GO.

THEIR FIRST STEP INTO A NEW WORLD AND THEY HAD TO CARVE OUT A LIVING SOMEHOW.

MUNCH MUNCH

WHAT THEY CAME UP WITH WAS PIMPING WHORES.

NOPE. THAT WAS IT FOR THEM.

THEY HARASSED THE PLACE FROM WHAT I HEARD.

OH!

THAT WASN'T SMART!

A STREET STALL UNDER VISCONTI FOODS' CONTROL.

OUR FAVORITE ITALIAN, RONNIE THE JAWS'S TURF...

GOT IT.

NO SAILING TODAY, RIGHT?

WH

P!

PA EAST CONTAINER YARD, THE ONE TAGGED FDL 332.

OH!

THAT REMINDS ME.

I KNOW. I'LL BE ON MY WAY AFTER I SCARF THIS DOWN!

YOU INTERRUPTED ME. WHERE WAS I?

THE LEASE'S ALMOST UP. WE'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY OVERAGES. TAKE CARE OF IT SOMETIME TODAY, ALL RIGHT?

WE'RE HOLDING SOMETHING FROM THE TAMIL GUYS FOR THE WOPS.

THEY MESSED WITH THE WRONG PEOPLE.

THEY'RE A BIT BETTER THAN HOTEL MOSCOW, BUT JUST BARELY.

IGNORANCE IS A SIN. BUT NEVER MIND THAT.

NO POINT DISCUSSING HOW STUPID THEY WERE.

THE KIND OF GUYS THAT SHOW UP AT YOUR DOOR WITHOUT A SOUND IN THE DARK OF NIGHT.

...ROUGHED UP THE STREET STAND OWNER WITH A METAL BAT. THEN RONNIE'S MESSENGERS SHOWED THAT SAME NIGHT.

BEFORE THEY COULD EVEN EXPLAIN THEM-SELVES...

...THE AUSSIE AND HIS CHARMING FRIENDS GAINED A FEW POUNDS OF BULLETS.

THE DRIFTER AUSSIES.

HOW THEY MADE THE BIGGEST MISTAKE OF THEIR LIVES.

RIGHT, RIGHT.

THOSE MORONS ...

THE REASON THEY WEREN'T FOUND FOR TWO WEEKS IS CRAZY.

THIS GOES BACK TO THE MOTEL WE'RE TALKING ABOUT...

REVY.

THAT'S AN EVIL LAUGH.

THIS IS WHERE IT GETS GOOD.

YOU'RE GONNA LAUGH WHEN YOU HEAR THIS. HEH HEH.

AND SO THE RESIDENTS...

...THOUGHT SOMEBODY CRAPPED AN ESPECIALLY STINKY ONE...

THEY'VE BEEN HAVING SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH THEIR BATHROOMS.

AND THE LANDLORD'S A REAL STUBBORN SON-OF-A-BITCH WHO HAS NO INTENTION OF RENOVATING THE PLACE FOR THE NEXT 200 YEARS.

C'MON!!

WE'RE EATING!!

AH HAH HAH. HAH

AND WHADDAYA KNOW? THE WAY THEY FOUND OUT...

MAGGOTS CAME SQUIRMING OUT OF THE KEYHOLE...

WORKING IN A SEPTIC TANK LIKE THAT WITHOUT A SINGLE COMPLAINT.

BUT MAN...

THAT COMPUTER GIRL'S ONE TOUGH CHICK.

SHE WAS BORN AND RAISED LIKE A ROACH.

RIGHT?

OH, C'MON, DUTCH.

HOW DO YOU THINK SHE ENDED UP HERE?

YOU GUYS ARE SUCH PUSSIES.

THEY STILL CAN'T GET THE STINK OUT!!

THIS IS WHERE IT GETS EVEN BETTER.

AH, SHIT.

BARF THIS MUCH EVERY DAY AND I'LL TURN INTO THE MERLION.

IT WAS MISS BHAI THAT BROUGHT HER HERE, RIGHT, REVY?

BY THE WAY...

WHERE IS SHE, BENNY?

INTERNET

OH, JANE? SHE'S...

...WORKING FROM AN INTERNET CAFÉ IN NANKWAI.

WOW!

DIDN'T KNOW WE HAD ANYTHING LIKE THAT HERE.

VROOO BEEEEP

AS EINSTEIN WISELY SAID, THIS TOWN WON'T ALWAYS BE STUCK IN THE '70S.

BEEP VVVM

I NEVER THINK OF THE FUTURE. IT COMES SOON ENOUGH.

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pass OK
/whois mem

HUNDRED BAHT.

YOU TAKE DOLLARS, RIGHT? HERE.

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HEY, MISTER.

COFFEE.

14:09.05 <BlackSpot> hey,cold men.stand up.
14:09.13 <Bloodrunne> heh
14:10.06 <ColdNC>The Duck is in the case.I'm loosing her entire trail.Be ready RSN. The Duck is oblivious.I am an invisible man. lol

RT: my SE contact at Rheinbach is ready.And acc
by the Duck going beyond the decoy data direct
gonna violate the deal.Make sure the countdown
reworking.All the data she accessed before she
it out will backed up to our regular servers.

KTR KTR TR TR TR

<BlackSpot> fucking funny guy
<Bloodrunne> Here we go.Get everyone ready.

ALL RIGHT.

WOLFPACK ON STANDBY?

TK TK TK TK

17:13.55 <FlashbackGold44> fucking funny guy.
17:14.11 <Bloodrunne> Here we go.Get everyone ready.
17:15.25 <Dragoda>Nagoia's started.Rheinbach's techs just got busy.

THEY'RE RETRIEVING DATA ALREADY...?!

WHY SO SUDDENLY?!

TKTK

TKTK

14:09.05 <BlackSpot> lol
14:09.13 <Bloodrunne> lol

3 <bloodrunne> lol
5 <Flashbackgold44>

ne> Hold on. I'm doing the final b
fight in Doom.

ator8897> Need clarificati

SHIT!

IT'S TOO FAST, IT'S TOO FAST, IT'S TOO FAST!

TAK TAK TAK

TAK

ybe it'd be better
have our pay for
aig posted in byte

lol
lol
lol

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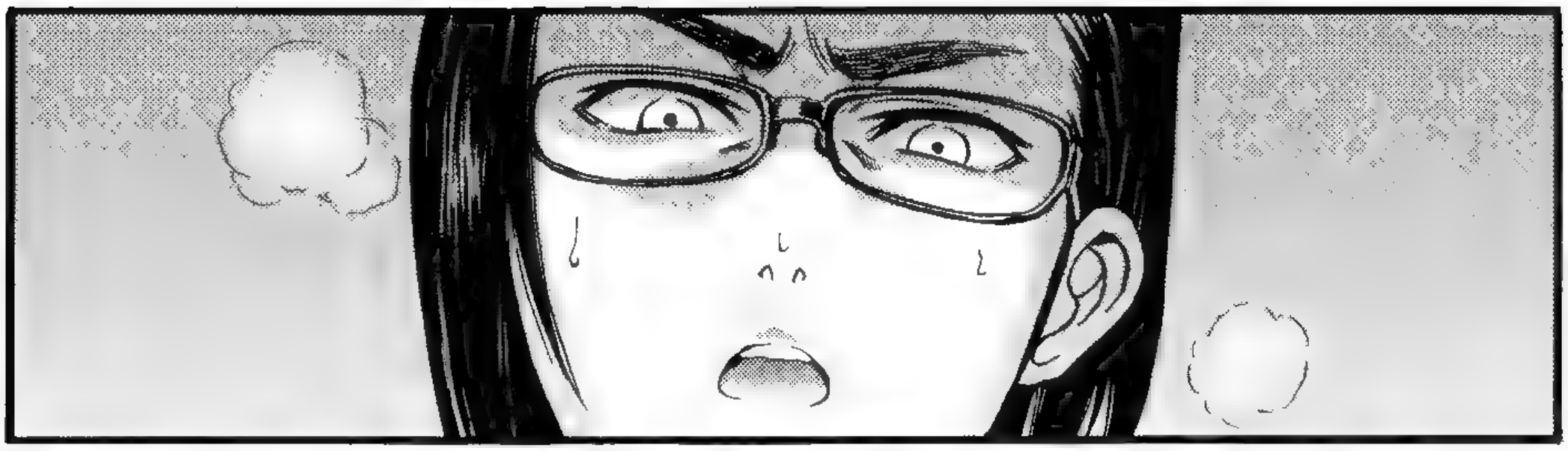

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[root@freeBSD13 ~]# service squid reload
[root@freeBSD13 ~]#rm -rf /va BEEP ool/squid/squid_ca
[root@freeBSD13 ~]# service squid stop
stopping squid .....OK
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WHAT WAS THAT...?

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I MANAGED TO GET OUT... BUT...

KII!

VROOOM

THE BOSS IS BUSY RIGHT NOW.

WAIT QUIETLY TILL HE'S DONE.

WE WON'T BE HERE LONG. WE'LL BE OUTTA YOUR HAIR SOON.

KCHAK

HEY, EMILIO!

TOMAZZO'S NOT AROUND TODAY?

HEY.

WHAT THE FUCK, EMILIO?

SIGNORE FALCONE ISN'T A PART OF OUR SICILIAN ORGANIZATION. HE'S A MEMBER OF THE CAMORRA.

HE'S A PERSONAL FRIEND OF OUR BOSS.

WHADJA LET THEM IN FOR, GODDAMMIT!

HOLD UP, SIGNORE.

YOU THINK WE CAME HERE TO PLAY GIN RUMMY WITH YOU?

WE'RE HERE ABOUT THE STUFF WE TRANSPORTED FOR THE TAMILS. WE'D BE GLAD TO SELL IT OFF IF YOU DON'T WANT IT.

LUCIANO'S IN THE BACK WITH THE GUESTS DEALING WITH SOME PROBLEMS ...

HE'S BURNING HIS TINY LITTLE BRAIN TO SOLVE THEM.

IF YOU STILL DON'T GET IT, I'LL MAKE SURE YOU DO—WITH A METAL BAT.

FIRST, I'M WAITING FOR A CALL.

A CALL FROM PALERMO. I DON'T NEED TO REMIND YOU THAT HE'S MY BOSS, WHICH MAKES HIM A GOD TO YOU.

SORRY, BOSS. BUT...

YO, EMILIO.

LET ME EXPLAIN WHAT I'M DOING RIGHT NOW.

ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT. RELAX.

I'M SAYING, AS LONG AS WE CAN RECOVER ALI DRAGUA WE'LL HAVE NO PROBLEMS.

SLAM

DO YOU UNDER-STAND, MY ITALIAN FRIEND?!

YOU DO THAT AND YOU'LL...

DON'T PLAY WITH ME.

IT WENT THROUGH THE LONDON BULLION MARKET ASSOCIATION, BUT WE DON'T KNOW WHERE IT IS NOW.

I'M SORRY YOU GUYS MISSED IT.

ASK YOUR CAPO!

WE WILL KEEP THE KANUN CODE AND YOUR HONOR.

WE CAN'T LET THE RUSSIANS HAVE THE GOLDEN CRESCENT...

WE UNDER-STAND, MUSTAFA.

HEH SNORT

...THEY'RE SAYING THEY'LL EITHER PARTNER UP WITH YOU OR THE RUSSIANS.

DEPENDING ON WHETHER OR NOT YOU PEOPLE CAN FIND ALI DRAGUA...

KL

YO, YO, YO, RONNIE.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUR SOLDIER?

IK

SHUT UP, TWO HAND, OR I'LL BUST YOUR TEETH IN.

YO, LOU!

YOU GOING AROUND ANNOUNCING OUR BUSINESS TO EVERYBODY TOO?

YOU MIGHT AS WELL BE WALKING AROUND WITH A MEGAPHONE!

SO WHAT IF WE ARE?

YOU GOTTA PROBLEM WITH THAT, ASSHOLE?

HEY!

CHUB-RONIC! PUT YOUR PIECE AWAY!

REVY!

YOU STUPID HUMPS.

HUH? ANSWER ME?

WHAT ARE THESE CHINKS DOING HERE?! DON'T TELL ME THEY'RE-

THEY'RE NOT CHINESE! ONE'S CHINESE-AMERICAN, THE OTHER'S JAPANESE!

CALM DOWN! PUT IT DOWN!

VOGLIATE SCUSARMI...
(EXCUSE ME...)

...MA QUESTI PICCIOTTI SI STANNO SCALDANDO TROPPO. LASCIATE CHE VI RICHIAMI FRA POCO...
(THESE PICCIOTTIS ARE HEATING UP. I'LL CALL YOU BACK SHORTLY...)

SI, CAPO. HO CAPITO.
(YES, BOSS. I UNDERSTAND...)

YOU TWO.

KLIK

HEY.

NOW...

...WHAT'LL IT BE?

I DON'T MIND STARTING ALL OVER BY STICKING ...

...SOME DYNAMITE UP YOUR ASSES LIKE A CANDLE.

HE SHOULD PAY YOU EXACTLY. WHEN HE DOES...

CHOK!

SHOK

HEY, LAGOON GUY.

HAND THIS TO THE FLOOR MANAGER AND GET YOUR PAYMENT.

YOU KNOW WHAT THEY CALL ME, DON'T YOU?

YA

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...YOU GET THE HELL OUTTA MY KINGDOM AND...

...FORGET EVERY-THING YOU JUST SAW. OTHERWISE ...

VROOOO

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I DON'T WANNA TALK ABOUT MY FAMILY.

MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS.

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THE KINDA CLASS...

...WHERE I'D MAKE SURE TO COVER UP YOUR POOPY WITH A HANDKERCHIEF, YEAH?

VOO

IT'S STILL BEFORE DAWN IN WÜRZ-BURG...

THAT SERVER BARELY HAD ANY SECURITY BEFORE...

ANY SORT OF SEARCH SHOULD'VE TAKEN PLACE DURING BUSINESS HOURS. THAT WASN'T NATURAL.

IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE...

WHY WOULD THEY GET SUSPICIOUS AND PUT UP A COUNTER-MEASURE THEN?

I DON'T GET IT.

SOME-THING'S NOT RIGHT!

?

WHO AM

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WHERE'S COLONEL MA?!

AT EASE, COLONEL CHANG.

I'LL DO THE TALKING.

COLONEL MA!

WHAT IN THE WORLD HAVE YOU BEEN DOING?! WHAT WAS...

G- GENERAL LIU!

WHAT ...

W...

LISTEN TO ME VERY CAREFULLY, COLONEL MA.

EARLY THIS MORNING, SOMEONE HAD THE AUDACITY TO COME SEE ME.

WHO DO YOU THINK IT WAS?

WHAT IS THIS?!

14 DONG CHANG'AN AVENUE, COLONEL MA.

WHO ...

...WAS IT, SIR?

THE STATE COUNCIL MINISTRY OF STATE SECURITY'S...

I AM 8TH BUREAU ASSISTANT CHIEF JING YONG WANG...

...FROM THE STATE COUNCIL MINISTRY OF STATE SECURITY'S 8TH BUREAU OF COUNTER-ESPIONAGE INVESTIGATION.

I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT MATTERS OF NATIONAL SECURITY.

W...

WHAT WOULD...

...THE MSS WANT TO SPEAK TO ME ABOUT?

THE GENERAL IS RIGHT, COLONEL MA!

ARE YOU STUPID ?!

WE WOULDN'T BE HERE IF WE KNEW!!

LIEU-TENANT YEYIN!

Y-YES, SIR!

WE WERE CONTACTED BY REINBACH A.G., A GERMAN NATIONAL DEFENSE COMPANY...

...THROUGH AN OVERSEAS FIRM.

AND UH...

THEY CLAIM TO HAVE IRREFUTABLE EVIDENCE THAT OUR MILITARY...

...WAS INVOLVED IN THE THEFT OF...

...IMPORTANT DATA RELATING TO AVIONICS.

THAT'S RIDICULOUS!

SLAM

U...

UM...

IT'S STILL UNOFFICIAL, BUT...

...THERE WERE ABSOLUTELY NO MISSTEPS IN THE OPERATION ITSELF. IT'S BEEN CONFIRMED.

THAT WAS TWO MONTHS AGO. BESIDES...

...SUCCESS-FULLY.

COLONEL MA, I WAS TOLD OPERATION REINBACH ENDED...

"WE HAVE STRONG EVIDENCE THAT THE HACKER WHO RELENTLESSLY ATTACKED ANNENHEIM DISTRIBUTION'S CORPORATE SERVER FROM THE LATE HOURS OF THE 6TH TO THE EARLY HOURS OF THE 7TH..."

"...IS AN ACTIVE OFFICER OF THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY. (SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT)"...

GRRR

IF THERE WAS NO PROBLEM, WHY ARE WE IN THIS MESS?!

UH, SIR?

MAY I CONTINUE?

YOU INCOMPE-TENT FOOL!

REINBACH AG

BECAUSE THEY CAME UNDER A SIMILAR ATTACK TWO MONTHS AGO VIA THE SAME COMPANY'S SERVER...

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...THEY'VE CONCLUDED THAT ANNENHEIM DISTRIBUTION IS A FRONT COMPANY FOR THE P.L.A.'S GSD 2ND DEPARTMENT.

THAT BASICALLY SUMS IT UP.

ANNENHEIM DISTRIBUTION

IT'S NOT A DIFFICULT OPERATION, COLONEL.

WE USE A CORPORATION IN LEIDEN AS A STEPPING-STONE...

WE GOT THE INFORMATION BY BRIBING A REINBACH ENGINEER. IN OTHER WORDS...

THAT IS UNFOUNDED, GENERAL!

ANNENHEIM DISTRIBU-TIONS...

...IS INDEED OUR FRONT COMPANY.

THEIR CLAIM THAT THE LAST INFILTRATION WENT THROUGH ANNENHEIM DISTRIBUTION IS SIMPLY NOT TRUE!

THE INFORMATION WAS ACQUIRED FROM WITHIN REINBACH!

ANNENHEIM DISTRIBUTION WAS MERELY USED TO CONCEAL OUR DEALINGS WITH THE ENGINEER!

THE FORMULA MAY BE INCORRECT, BUT...

...THEY CERTAINLY REACHED THE RIGHT ANSWER.

COLONEL MA.

THE TRUTH IS NOT IMPORTANT.

...ONCE AGAIN ATTACKED REINBACH AND LEFT EVIDENCE BEHIND.

AND A P.L.A. SOLDIER UNDER YOUR COMMAND...

ANNENHEIM DISTRIBUTION IS OUR FRONT COMPANY.

WE STOLE INFORMATION FROM REINBACH TWO MONTHS AGO...

THAT...

...IS ALL THEY NEEDED.

THMP

NO WONDER THE MSS IS TAKING ACTION.

IF WE DON'T HANDLE THIS DELICATELY IT WILL BE A MASSIVE INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM.

THERE I WAS THINKING ALL YOU PEOPLE DID WAS FOOL AROUND ON THAT INTERWEB OR WHATEVER...

AND THEN YOU BLUNDER INTO THIS!

WHAT THE HELL IS FIRST BUREAU DOING?!

UH...

NO OFFICIAL DEALINGS EXIST BETWEEN REINBACH A.G. AND THE PRC.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF EITHER PARTY, IF WE AGREE TO MONETARY COMPENSATION...

...THEY WILL NOT FILE SUIT OR GO PUBLIC WITH IT.

COLONEL MA.

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FF

THAT'S RIDICULOUS!

THE OBJECTIVE OF MY OPERATION WAS TO INFILTRATE A GROUP OF COUNTERFEITERS AND UNDERSTAND THEIR METHODS!

IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS!

TELL US THE DETAILS OF YOUR ONGOING OPERATION.

THERE'S A CHANCE A DOUBLE AGENT IS INVOLVED.

HUH?

THEN HOW DOES THAT SOLDIER...

...KNOW ABOUT ANNENHEIM DISTRIBU-TIONS?

INDEED.

IF THE OFFICER KNEW, THEY COULD'VE BEEN COLLABORATING WITH REINBACH FROM THE BEGINNING.

IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.

THAT'S RIGHT.

THIS OFFICER ISN'T INVOLVED IN OPERATION REINBACH, ISN'T THAT RIGHT?

LISTEN TO ME VERY CAREFULLY ...

...COLONEL.

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

THE SERGEANT IS A LOYAL SOLDIER OF THE P.L.A.! SHE'S EVEN RECEIVED A MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL...

WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW IS NOT THE PURSUIT OF TRUTH.

IT IS THE EXPEDITIOUS CLOSURE OF THIS SITUATION.

THE MSS IS USING THIS OCCASION TO CONDUCT AN INTERNAL INVESTIGATION OF THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE.

ALTHOUGH A PURGE IS OLD-FASHIONED, THERE IS A VERY GOOD CHANCE THEY'LL FILL THE CENTRAL MILITARY COMMISSION WITH CRAZY IDEAS.

...THE P.L.A. SOLDIER WHO HAS BETRAYED HER PEOPLE AND COMMITTED HIGH TREASON AGAINST HER COUNTRY...

...NO LONGER EXISTS.

ANNENHEIM DISTRIBUTION ...

...SHOULD HAVE NO TIES TO US.

AND...

...

IN OTHER WORDS...

I'LL DEFLECT THE MSS SOMEHOW.

SO MAKE SURE THIS SITUATION IS RESOLVED WITHIN 72 HOURS!

IF NOT, WE'LL...

...ALL BE TRAINING CAMELS IN THE CHENGDU MILITARY REGION.

VGK

BEEP

BEEP BOOP

BEEP BOOP

AND IT'S NOT SAFE WHILE I'M DRIVING. LET'S CONTINUE BACK AT THE MOTEL.

YEAH, I HEAR IT.

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UH...

YOUR PHONE.

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YES.

MISS FU. HOW YOU DOIN'?

BEEP BOOP

OH, C'MON.

DON'T TALK TO ME LIKE I'M A MINK.

BEEP BOOP

YES, BOSS.

I WANTED TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT MY WORK...

I WON'T BE HERE FOR MUCH LONGER...

BOOP

BEEP

BEEP BOOP

OH, THAT?

I KNOW IT'S SUDDEN, BUT YOU'RE FIRED.

WHY...?

I WAS MONITOR-ING YOU.

IT'S SO UNFORTU-NATE. YOU WERE SO CLOSE TOO!

I HAVE A FEW POINTERS FOR YOU.

YEAH ...

IT'LL BE HELPFUL FOR YOU IN THE FUTURE.

I NORMALLY DON'T DO THIS KINDA THING, BUT I'LL MAKE AN EXCEPTION.

JUST THINK OF IT AS IF YOU'D WON THE LOTTO.

FIRST.

AVOID USING TEXTBOOK METHODS.

IT MAKES IT OBVIOUS WHERE YOU TRAINED.

SECOND.

THIRD AND MOST IMPOR-TANTLY.

IF YOU DON'T RUN LIKE HELL NOW...

...YOU'RE PROBABLY GOING TO DIE.

YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT'S IN STORE.

PAY CLOSE ATTENTION WHEN GOING THROUGH A HOLE SOMEBODY ELSE DUG.

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FUCK!

YOU TRICKED ME...

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KCHING

...

NGAH...

HNGH...

THINK...

THINK,
THINK,
THINK!

NO.

I CAN'T
THROW UP
YET...!

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IT'S ME.

I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME SO I'LL KEEP IT SHORT.

THAT'S CRAZY!

I CARELESSLY LET THAT "COUNTERFEIT GROUP" SET ME UP...

I BELIEVE YOU, BUT THE TRUTH IS NO LONGER THE ISSUE.

THE GSD HAS TAKEN ACTION TO COMPLETELY EXPUNGE THIS INCIDENT.

COLONEL ?!

ARE YOU A TRAITOR TRYING TO HARM YOUR COUNTRY?

THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT YOU HERE.

I'M SORRY, SERGEANT.

I CAN NO LONGER HELP YOU.

CONSIDER THIS CALL...

...A COURTESY FROM ME TO YOU.

TO BE HONEST, I SHOULDN'T EVEN BE TALKING TO YOU.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN...?

...

CHIRP CHIRP

ALTHOUGH ...

...IT CAN'T BE DONE PUBLICALLY.

SERGEANT.

I WILL PERSONALLY INFORM YOUR FAMILY OF YOUR LOYALTY AND ACHIEVEMENTS.

I KNOW, THEY CAN MOVE INTO TO AN UPSCALE APARTMENT IN SHANGHAI USING SECOND DEPARTMENT'S OPERATIONAL FUNDS.

AND UH, I'LL THROW IN A MERCEDES TOO.

TO PRESERVE THE PEACE IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC AND FOR THE DISGRACE OF BEING A TRAITOR YOU WILL WILLINGLY...

...FALL IN ROANAPUR.

COLONEL MA!

GENERAL LIU WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU!

UH...

THAT IS ALL.

I HAVE TO GO NOW. GOODBYE.

KLIK!

STOMP STOMP

WHUMP

KPOW

YO, GIRL.

YOU DRUNK IN BROAD DAYLIGHT?

PROBABLY A HEROIN ADDICT.

SIF...

Klau Sa

I Luv mah

Roddy

CRASH

WA

S...

STAY BACK!

CH

AAA

SHE'S GOT A GUN!

SHIT!

AK

HUFF...

HUFF...

HUFF...

HUFF...

FUCK!

THUMP!

I'M...

...TAKING THE CAR.

DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH, BENNY.

WHOSE HELP DO YOU NEED TO PLAY CHESS ON THE COMPUTER?

I'LL BE ON BOARD, BUT IT'S TECHNICALLY MY DAY OFF.

SURE ... BUT HOW DO WE CAST OFF?

YOUR GIRL'S CHARTERING IT, ISN'T SHE?

SHE'S GOT HERSELF A CREW MEMBER AL-READY.

BUT SHE'S A BONAFIDE FUCK FREAK.

BENNY. I DON'T CARE IF YOU SAY NICE THINGS ABOUT HER. I THINK IT'S GREAT YOU SPEAK HIGHLY OF YOUR GIRL.

I WISH YOU DIDN'T FEEL THAT WAY ABOUT JANE, REVY.

IF THAT'S "A BIT" THEN DEATH VALLEY IS A SANDBOX IN THE PARK.

NO WAY IN HELL I'M GONNA BE A SPECTATOR TO YOUR ALL-NIGHT FUCK FEST.

THAT'S NOT NICE.

SHE'S A BIT LIBERAL WHEN IT COMES TO SEX, BUT THAT'S ALL IT IS.

SURE, SHE CAN BE RUDE SOMETIMES, BUT IF YOU CAN IGNORE THAT, SHE'S NOT A BAD PERSON...

DON'T KID YOURSELF.

AS IF I'D TAKE A HANDOUT FROM YOU, YOU FOUR-EYED MONKEY.

OH, IS THAT RIGHT?

AND HERE I WAS THINKING OF HIRING YOU AS A PURSER SINCE WE MADE QUITE A BIT THIS TIME.

KLUNK

HMM ...

THEN...

...I'LL SHELL OUT A LITTLE MORE SO YOUR JAPANESE BOYFRIEND CAN COME WITH US...

GET A B

HEY.

DON'T GET TOO CARRIED AWAY.

...I CAN'T EVEN COUNT 'EM ALL ON BOTH HANDS.

...I EVEN PLAYED THE ROLE OF THE MAN TO TAME ALL THOSE FRUSTRATED DYKES. SO OFTEN THAT...

WHEN I WAS IN PRISON...

IF YOU REALLY INSIST, THEN FINE, I'LL PLAY.

IF YOU REALLY WANNA DO THIS...

...YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO GO BACK TO BENNY.

I KNOW WAY BETTER THAN YOU WHAT GETS PEOPLE OFF.

SO LISTEN.

FWOOM

DISCUS-SION'S OVER.

HAVE FUN WITH BENNY-BOY.

DON'T CAUSE DUTCH ANY TROUBLE.

WHP

MP

HEY.

YOU OKAY?

HEY.

YOU OKAY?

I GOT AN URGENT REQUEST FROM BACK HOME. YOU CAN'T BLOW THIS.

...

YOU SURE YOU GUYS KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING?

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I HAD GOOD LIQUOR.

UGH.

IT'S NOT SITTING WELL.

GOD-DAMMIT.

GET SOME TEA, PAXSON.

YO.

HIRE SOMEBODY ELSE IF YOU'RE WORRIED, MR. YANG.

IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO NEEDS OUR HELP.

I'VE SEEN THIS AT THE CARNIVAL IN RIO.

THIS COSTUME IS SUPPOSED TO BE GENERAL HUERTA, RIGHT?

NO, BRO.

IT'S HALLOWEEN.

THIS IS THE GIRL I WANT YOU TO GET RID OF. FENG YIFEI.

THERE'S A POSSIBILITY SHE'S GOING BY HER REAL NAME, LIN XINLIN.

...LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING FROM CHINESE NEW YEAR'S TO ME.

IT...

UGH.

SHE'S AN EX-SPY FROM THE GENERAL STAFF DEPARTMENT.

...

IT'S NONE OF THOSE.

THERE'S NO WAY SHE'S DRESSED LIKE THAT NOW.

OF COURSE NOT. THAT'S A P.L.A. UNIFORM.

...WALKING AROUND...

...

DRESSED LIKE THIS?

UH, SO SHE'S...

YO, CHINAMAN.

DON'T YOU THINK IT'S A BIT OVER THE TOP TO USE THE FOUR OF US JUST FOR HER?

THAT PHOTO WAS TAKEN FIVE YEARS AGO. TO BE HONEST, IT'LL ONLY HELP YOU GET AN IDEA OF WHAT SHE LOOKS LIKE.

...YOU GUYS ARE THE ONLY ASSETS WE HAVE UNDER CONTRACT HERE THAT CAN ACT QUICKLY.

IT'S OUR POLICY TO BE ABSOLUTELY SURE.

AND...

YO, IT'S DECIDED THEN.

MY BROTHERS AND I ARE IN AGREEMENT.

...I GOT NO COMPLAINTS.

IF YOU GUYS ARE DOWN FOR IT...

IT DON'T MATTER, BRO.

ALL WE GOTTA DO IS TAKE CARE OF HER.

PAXSON.

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

W...

WAIT!

YOU GOT IT, BRO.

SURE THING, BRO.

WE DON'T ACCEPT CHINESE YUAN. WE GET PAID IN DOLLARS, MR. YANG.

WELL THEN, LET'S GET THIS THING OVER WITH, MY BROTHERS.

WHAT IS IT, MR. YANG?

UH, JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY.

ARE YOU GUYS LIKE...

..."SWORN BROTHERS"?

BWAHAHAHA

SEE? I WAS RIGHT.

WHAT DID I TELL YOU, PAXSON?

MONTERO!

IT TOOK 34 MINUTES FOR THAT QUESTION TO COME UP THIS TIME!

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...THERE'S SOME OVERLAP.

WE'RE REAL BROTHERS, MR. YANG.

WE EACH HAVE DIFFERENT MOTHERS AND FATHERS, BUT...

THUNK

I THOUGHT YOU'D GET CURIOUS RIGHT AWAY.

YOU'RE SLOW ON THE UPTAKE.

TELL HIM, ROB.

VW R

WAIT!

I GET THAT, BUT THERE'S ONE MORE THING...

SO WHY...

...IS IT ONLY YOU THREE?

...

...

YOU SAID "THE FOUR OF US"...

YEAH.

I FEEL BAD FOR DUTCH, BUT THAT WAS THE RIGHT DECISION.

AND SO...

...TONIGHT'S TRIP IS CANCELLED. THAT'S WHAT I TOLD DUTCH.

?

A WHAT?

THAT GIRL WAS SERIOUSLY GOING TO...

...DRAG YOU INTO A FULL-SCALE "MONGOLIAN ASSAULT."

HELL YEAH.

Ahs!

NO WAY! I WOULD NEVER LET HER DO THAT TO ME.

A GANG BANG. YOU KNOW, LIKE...

...AN ORGY, DUDE.

YOU WANNA KNOW HOW MUCH SHIT YOU WOULD'VE BEEN IN?

HE FAILED MISERABLY AND IS NO LONGER WITH US.

THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO IF OUR CLIENT'S DEAD.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

WE WERE SUPPOSED TO BE TRANS-PORTING SOME GUY WHO KNOCKED OVER A BANK...

...IN INDONESIA.

VM MMM M...

ANYWAY ...

COULDN'T SHE HAVE CHARTERED A NICER BOAT?

VRR R M

R

SHE CAN AFFORD A CRUISER WITH A JACUZZI, CAN'T SHE?

WHAT MADE HER CHOOSE OUR PT BOAT?

HOW SHOULD I KNOW?

IN ANY CASE, IT DOESN'T CONCERN US.

SOME FOLKS SPEND MILLIONS ON POT LIDS.

KR II

SHE'S COOL WITH IT SO WHO GIVES A SHIT?

KKL NK

YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.

KC HK

FOR HER, IT'S ALSO QUALITY TIME WITH BENNY...

CHK

I WAS RIGHT.

THIS IS YOUR HANGOUT.

ISN'T IT?

I KNEW I'D RUN INTO YOU IF I WAITED HERE.

I DON'T WANT TO HURT ANYBODY.

NOW...

AK

AK

AK

THAT'S HOT, HOT!

TNK

TNK

TNK

BAM

THE CASINGS! AGH!

HOT, HOT, HOT, HOT!

POP POP POP

YOU THINK YOU COULD GO HOME SINGIN'...

...AFTER STICKING A GUN INTO OUR CAR?!

IF I COULD GO...

...I WOULD HAVE!!

BLAM BLAM BLAM BLAM

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WHAT THE HELL?

YOU NEED TO THINK A LITTLE MORE ABOUT THE MEANING OF PEACE AND TRANQUILITY, PAXSON.

FEH.

YOU'RE NO PRIEST YOURSELF.

DON'T PREACH TO ME LIKE YOU'RE TAKING MY CONFESSION!

UH...

GUYS.

A SHOOT-OUT? SCARY.

I DON'T MIND. IT'S ATMO-SPHERIC.

ISN'T THAT GIRL...

...OUR TARGET?

HEY, BRO?

AAA

BBB

KLNK

THIS IS WHY...

...YOU SHOULD NEVER STOP PRAYING.

SKR

CAN I SHOOT THE GUYS IN THE PLYMOUTH TOO?

BRO?

ACK

GO AHEAD. S'GOD'S WILL.

CAN'T MISS FROM THIS DISTANCE.

YOU SHOULD ALWAYS OBEY THE LORD'S GUIDANCE, ROB.

ACK

WHAM
CLAK

BACK-UP

SKREEEE

ROCK!

STEP ON IT!

BACK-UP

YOU MISSED YOUR FIRST SHOT.

THAT'S PRETTY RARE, ROB!

MON-TERO!

ROCK!

LEAVE THAT PIECE OF SHIT BEHIND!

NO! DON'T!

DON'T DROP ME!

BMP

BMP

BMP

THEY'RE GETTING' AWAY!

THAT TATTOOED BITCH KNOWS WHAT SHE'S DOING, BRO!

SWEET!

BKKK

BLAM

BLAM

SUPPRESSIVE FIRE. DON'T GIVE HER A CHANCE TO LOOK DOWN HER SIGHTS.

R R R

CHAK

PAXSON!

CAN YOU DO THAT?

YOU GOT IT, BRO!

KICK

MP

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RAT-A-TAT-A-TAT-A-T

KRA KS

KILL

DAT

SHIT!

SKR

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DAT

THIS HUMVEE'S TOO WIDE.

VRRM VRRM

YO, YO. NO FIGHTING AMONGST BROTHERS.

YOU FUCKED UP TOO, MONTERO!

YOU SUCK AT HOLDIN' THEM DOWN, PAXSON!

EAT SHIT! YOU MISSED TOO!

AW, SHIT!

THEY GOT AWAY, BRO!

YEAH. BUT YOU KNOW WHAT?

THIS IS ALL BECAUSE WE STOLE FROM THE PLATE EVERY TIME WE WENT TO CHURCH.

HEY, MON-TERO.

I THOUGHT WE HAD THE LORD'S BLESSING?!

SPUT SPUT SPUT SPUT

I KNOW, REVY.

WE'VE GONE FAR ENOUGH TO CATCH OUR BREATH. LET'S TAKE A LOOK.

WE GOT MORE HOLES THAN WE GOT WINDOWS. HOW THIS THING'S STILL RUNNING, I DON'T KNOW.

IF THIS HEAP DIES ON US HERE, WE'RE LOOKING AT A SCARY-LONG WALK.

AW, SHIT!

THIS IS A VINTAGE CAR!

PFFFF

KLNK

GRND

THIS IS BAD.

GOOD THING I DIDN'T TURN OFF THE ENGINE. IT'D NEVER START AGAIN IF I DID.

KLAK PSH

PUT AN R.I.P. NOTE ON THE GARAGE AND HANG UP SOME FLOWERS?

KCHNK

HOW AM I GONNA EXPLAIN THIS TO BENNY?

I'VE KEPT IT RUNNING EVER SINCE THE MAID TRASHED THE ROADRUNNER.

YOU DON'T JUST FIND CARS LIKE THIS LYING AROUND ON THE LOT. THOSE FUCKING BASTARDS.

HEY FOUR-EYES!

I'LL TALK TO HIM. THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT NOW.

YOU KNOW WHO ELSE IT COULD BE, HUH?

TELL ME. I'D LOVE TO KNOW.

WHAT ...?

IT'S MY FAULT?

FW

I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT! BUT...

ONLY A BURGLAR POINTS A GUN AT SOMEBODY THEY WANT TO TALK TO.

YOU CAN'T COMPLAIN ABOUT BEING SHOT AT NOW, CAN YOU?

THE ONLY LINK TO THAT WOMAN...WAS YOU GUYS!

I JUST WANTED TO TALK...

YOU SHOT FIRST.

POINTING A GUN AT US WITHOUT EVEN SAYING HI.

THEN OUTTA NOWHERE THOSE GUYS IN THE HUMMER START UNLOADING.

WHAT'S NEXT? A GAY DANCER CARRYING A NUKE?

I GET IT.

OKAY.

AH.

THAT WOMAN?

BIG TIME. FROM TOP TO BOTTOM.

BIG TITS MCGEE SET YOU UP, DIDN'T SHE?

YO, FOUR-EYES.

HOW STUPID. I SEE WHAT HAPPENED.

THIS AIN'T A TOWN SOME COUNTRY-ASS CHINK CAN WANDER AROUND IN.

BEFORE THEY TAPE A "KICK ME" SIGN ON YOU AGAIN...

...GET THE FUCK OUT OF TOWN.

HMPH.

WHAT? DETENTION'S OVER ONCE YOU REPENT?

LET ME GIVE YOU A WORD OF ADVICE.

YES...

THAT'S IT.

YOU'RE EXACTLY RIGHT.

FW

DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH.

I SAID, "THAT'S AN AWFUL THING TO SAY TO A FELLOW COMRADE OF CHINESE BLOOD."

IF YOU GO BACK FAR ENOUGH...

...EVERYONE ON THIS PLANET IS RELATED TO LUCY OR LINUS OR WHOEVER THE FUCK IT WAS.

同样有中国人的血...

怎么可以说那么过分的话?

SPEAK ENGLISH, CHINKY.

I'M AN AMERICAN. I ONLY SPEAK ENGLISH WITH AN EAST COAST ACCENT AND A TIP-OF-MY-NAILS WORTH OF CANTONESE.

FENG.

IF YOU'RE SEEKING REVENGE AGAINST HER...

YOU WILL.

I HAVE NO PLACE ELSE TO GO.

CHK

WE CAN'T HELP YOU.

IF YOU WANT REVENGE ...

THERE ARE A LOT OF OBSTACLES IN YOUR WAY.

IT'S NOT A WISE CHOICE.

DO YOU REALLY WANT TO MAKE MORE ENEMIES UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES?

THOSE GUYS WERE PROBABLY HIRED BY THE PEOPLE IN YOUR REAL LINE OF WORK.

MISS BHAI HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT HUMMER.

PLUS, I MIGHT ADD...

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE THAT DOESN'T KNOW, FOOL.

THAT GEEK WHO BROUGHT YOU HERE KNEW EVERYTHING.

YOU SPEAK LIKE YOU KNOW WHO I AM.

WHY IS THAT?

AS PROOF, SHE EVEN HAD A PICTURE OF YOU.

SHE KNEW EXACTLY THE DISH SHE COULD MAKE WITH THOSE INGREDIENTS.

TELL HER, ROCK.

A-A PICTURE?

W...

WHAT?

WHAAAA-AAAAAAT?!

BA DING!

UH...

YOU WERE WEARING CLASSICAL CHINESE OPERA MAKEUP AND A UNIFORM THAT WASN'T YOUR SIZE...

BUT YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN.

NO ONE'S GONNA STICK THEIR NECK OUT...

...IF THERE'S NOTHING IN IT FOR THEM.

KICK

HOW THE HELL DOES SHE HAVE THAT?! ARRRRRRGH !!

I'M GONNA KILL HER! I'M GONNA KILL HER!

KICK

GOOD IDEA.

HOPE YOU DO.

IT'S NOT ABOUT GETTING PAID.

YOU'VE GOT THE SYSTEM AFTER YOU. YOU'RE STRAIGHT-UP TROUBLE.

KCHNK!

HOLD ON!

IF IT'S MONEY...

AS FOR THE OTHER MATTER, WE CAN'T HELP YOU WITH THAT EITHER.

IT'S TOO MUCH TO TAKE ON FOR SOMEBODY JUST PASSING THROUGH.

MISS FENG.

...

YOU'RE RIGHT.

OKAY.

I UNDER-STAND.

THERE'S ONLY ONE CHOICE LEFT FOR YOU IN THIS WORLD.

RUN AS FAR AWAY AS YOU CAN...

...FROM THE PEOPLE WHO WANT YOUR LIFE.

SO THE ONLY PERSON IN THIS GOD-FORSAKEN PLACE...

...AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE, IN HEAVEN OR ON EARTH, AFTER ALL, IS ME.

I WON'T TRY TO REASON OR BARGAIN WITH YOU ANYMORE.

BUT STILL...

I WILL SURVIVE.

EVEN IF IT'S MY FATE TO DIE IN VAIN...

I'LL BE KICKING AND SCREAMING UNTIL THE END.

FUCK

THAT...

...IS HOW I GO OUT. I DECIDE THAT.

FENG...

DO YOU...

...PLAN TO TAKE THEM ON HERE?

IF YOU GOT THAT MUCH SPUNK, I GUESS IT'LL BE A WHILE BEFORE THEY FIND YOU FLOATING IN THE RIVER.

PERFECT FOR THE GAMBLERS. KNOCK YOURSELF OUT RUNNING, FOUR-EYES.

...IT'LL PROBABLY BE EASIER TO DEFEND MYSELF IN THIS LAWLESS PLACE.

...INSTEAD OF BEING CORNERED IN BANGKOK...

SO...

MY PEOPLE WILL NEVER GIVE UP NO MATTER WHERE I RUN.

NO MATTER WHAT THE SITUATION IS, I HAVE TO PLAY THE CARDS I WAS DEALT.

I'M SITTING AT THE TABLE ALREADY. WINNING IS MY ONLY WAY OUT.

YOU'RE TAKING THIS TOWN TOO LIGHTLY. ROANAPUR IS...

ROCK.

SHE'S RIGHT. LET HER DIG HER OWN GRAVE.

IF YOU HAVE A BETTER IDEA...

...I'D LOVE TO HEAR IT.

THERE'S NO SENSE IN GETTING INVOLVED.

SHE MAY BE WALKING AND TALKING NOW, BUT SHE'S DEAD ALREADY.

K-K-K

K!

THAT'S RIGHT.

MY BOSS... NO, MY EX-BOSS SAID THE SAME THING.

KCH

ROCK ...

FORGET IT.

SHE'S JUST GONNA SAY THE SAME THING AS THAT KID.

NK

I KNOW ...

I KNOW...!

HE SAID HE'D, "TAKE CARE OF THINGS WHEN I'M DEAD."

"SO FALL WILLINGLY."

MISS FENG.

IF YOU NEED WEAPONS, GO TO CLUB SECLORUM. THEY SELL WEAPONS TO FIRST-TIMERS.

IF YOU NEED INFORMATION, ASK THE STREET VENDORS IN NANKWAI FOR RICHIE LEROY'S WHEREABOUTS.

THE SALON DE LICORNE WILL PROVIDE YOU A RELATIVELY SAFE HIDEOUT.

JUST DON'T TRUST THEM TOO MUCH.

SHOW HIM THIS...

...AND HE SHOULD GO OUT OF HIS WAY TO HELP YOU.

BUT WHY?

I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T WANT TO BE INVOLVED?

THANKS...

THAT'S ALL.

IT'S NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.

I'VE GOT MY OWN REASONS FOR DOING THIS.

OH YEAH?

THEN LET ME...

WHA?!

BIP

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P

COULD THAT...

...BE THE "REASON" YOU NEED?

Y-Y-YOU WON'T PERSUADE ME WITH SOMETHING LIKE THAT!

DON'T PLAY WITH ME!

D...

D-D-D...

YOU JUST TURNED AROUND WITH A TORMENTED LOOK...

...AND DESPERATELY STARTED TELLING ME HOW TO SURVIVE.

I DIDN'T MEAN TO TEASE YOU.

THAT WAS THE ONLY WAY I COULD REPAY YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS RIGHT NOW. BESIDES...

I'M NOT A GOOD PERSON...

EVEN KIDS DON'T LIKE ME.

I DIDN'T THINK ANYBODY IN THIS TOWN COULD LOOK LIKE THAT.

?

KIDS ...?

FORGET IT...

ANYWAY, FROM HERE ON OUT...

...A GOOD PERSON.

YOU'RE PROBABLY ...

THAT'LL BE BEST FOR THE BOTH OF US.

I HOPE YOU SOMEHOW MAKE IT THROUGH THIS.

...OUR PATHS WILL NEVER CROSS AGAIN.

WHEN YOU GET YOURSELF OUT OF THIS MESS AND SOMEDAY REACH THAT UTOPIA...

...SEND ME A POSTCARD, WILL YOU?

VROOOOM

SPUT

SPUT

KNK

HOPE YOU'RE NOT...

...THINKING OF HELPING HER AFTER JUST ONE KISS.

...

I'M NOT PLANNING ON HELPING HER.

IT'S NO FUN TO BE...

... UNAPPRECIATED AND HATED FOR STICKING YOUR NECK OUT.

WHAT?!

N-N-N-N-N...

RELAX.

WHAT'RE YOU, A SCHOOLBOY? IT'S NO BIG DEAL.

VW

I'M NO SAINT.

GOING AROUND WITH A SENSE OF...

...PURPOSE AND JUSTICE IS A TIRESOME WAY TO LIVE.

MAYBE IT'S TIME I FOLLOW BENNY'S SECRET OF HOW TO GET ON IN LIFE.

...

SO, IS THIS THE ROCK WHO'S INDIFFERENT TO ALL THIS STUFF...

?

OR ROCK, THE "CROOK"...

...OR ROKURO OKAJIMA, THE JAPANESE GUY?

CAN'T TELL WHICH IS WHICH.

HUH

SHE GOT AWAY?!

WAS THE FIRST FAILURE NOT ENOUGH FOR YOU?!

ARE YOU TRYING TO PILE UP MORE BLUNDERS, COLONEL MA?!

THIS MATTER'S BEEN RESOLVED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT ALREADY.

THE ONLY LOOSE END IS YOUR FORMER SUBORDINATE.

IF THE LOCAL FIELD OFFICER TOOK DIRECT ACTION...

AND IT BECAME PUBLIC, IT WOULD CREATE AN EVEN BIGGER PROBLEM, SO...

SLAM

I DON'T WANT EXCUSES!

I SAID "EX-PEDITIOUSLY"! THIS IS A MATTER THAT INVOLVES THE ENTIRE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY!

FIRST OF ALL...

...IF YOU WERE GOING TO HIRE AN ASSASSIN, COULDN'T YOU HAVE HIRED A BETTER ONE?!

WE DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO ASSEMBLE ASSETS SPECIALIZING IN WETWORK, GENERAL.

UH... WE IN THE FIRST BUREAU DO NOT SPECIALIZE IN HUMINT TO BEGIN WITH...

PEOPLE FROM 14 DONG CHANG'AN AVENUE...

...HAVE BEEN RELENTLESSLY SEARCHING THROUGH OUR INTERNAL DOCUMENTS.

IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE WE'RE EXPOSED.

I'M TELLING YOU AGAIN, YOU HAVE THREE DAYS TO PROPERLY DEAL WITH THIS ROGUE SOLDIER.

IF THE SITUATION IS NOT IMPROVED BY THAT DEADLINE...

...A TEAM OF SPECIAL OPERATORS WILL BE DISPATCHED TO THE AREA TO TAKE OVER THE MATTER.

HOWEVER, THAT IS A LAST RESORT. IF IT COMES TO THAT...

...THEY MAY CALL FOR YOUR HEAD. AND I MEAN THAT LITERALLY— THE ONE RIGHT THERE ON YOUR SHOULDERS.

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IF YOU'RE GONNA DRAW...

...SHOOT FIRST.

KCH

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COME TO GET EVEN WITH ME FOR HITTING ON YOUR BOYFRIEND?

KLIK

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...

I'LL ASK YOU AGAIN.

WHY ARE YOU HERE?

KT NK

SHU K

WE GONNA PULL EACH OTHER'S HAIR AND WRESTLE NOW? FUCK THAT.

IF THAT'S WHAT I WANTED I'D'VE REPAINTED THE WALLS THE COLOR OF YOUR BLOOD AND BRAINS BY NOW.

ANYWAY, AIN'T GONNA HAPPEN.

WE NEED TO TALK.

BUT NOT HERE.

YO.

YO, BAO!

WHY IS THAT TABLE SO TENSE?

I DON'T KNOW AND I DON'T WANNA KNOW.

YOU GUYS BETTER STOP STARING. OR YOU MIGHT GET CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF IT.

THAT'S THAT CRAZY TWO HAND, ISN'T IT?

KLK KLK KLK

HEY.

I'M ALMOST DONE WITH THIS BOTTLE OF GANJIU. CAN I...

...INTERPRET THIS AS A "DRINKING PARTY WHERE I STARE AT SOMEONE IN A BAD MOOD"?

TK

TOOK

I HAVE NO MONEY.

I CAN'T USE MY CREDIT CARD AND THIS PLACE DOESN'T ACCEPT TRAVELER'S CHECKS EITHER.

WHEN DID I EVER SAY I WAS BUYING?

SO IS THIS...

...A ROUND-ABOUT WAY OF GETTING REVENGE?

OH?

GO TURN A...

...TRICK UPSTAIRS.

...THINGS WOULD GO A LOT QUICKER. JUST ONE SHOT.

IF YOU USE THAT BIG THING HANGING UNDER YOUR ARM...

BACK TO WHAT YOU SAID BEFORE.

IK

THE WEATHER'S PRETTY NICE. PERFECT FOR A LITTLE STROLL.

IT'LL SAVE YOU THE TROUBLE OF FINDING THEM. THEY'LL FIND YOU.

THERE'S AN EASIER WAY THAN THAT.

GO TAKE A WALK OUTSIDE WITHOUT HIDIN' BEHIND SOME CORNER.

HOW 'BOUT IT?

KLONK

...AND THE ANGELS' TRUMPETS'LL START RINGING.

THREE SHARP SHOTS RING OUT...

...IT MIGHT NOT BE SUCH A BAD IDEA TO DIE FOR THE DUMBEST REASON. FOR EXAMPLE...

...BEING SHOT BY YOU.

...

IF I'M GONNA DIE IN THIS STUPID LITTLE TOWN ANYWAY...

BUT YOU SEE...

GETTING KILLED BY THE PEOPLE THAT DESERTED ME?

HELL NO.

YOU THINK IT'S THE SAME?

IT'S NOT.

TO ME, IT MEANS...

...LIVING.

HMPH.

YOU'RE PARTICULAR ABOUT THE WAY YOU DIE?

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE IF YOU'RE DEAD?

I CAME HERE BECAUSE...

...I THOUGHT WE COULD SOLVE EACH OTHER'S PROBLEMS.

WH

OK

LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSINESS...

OR...

YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE'S PROBLEM?

I DON'T QUITE UNDERSTAND.

IS IT YOUR PROBLEM?

KLNK

THERE'S A CHANCE SOMETHING COULD GO...

...SERIOUSLY WRONG BY MIXING YOU UP IN THIS.

IF THEY FIND OUT ABOUT IT SOMEWHERE DOWN THE LINE...

...THE TIME TO REGRET IT WOULD BE NOW.

WELL ...

I'M NOT SURE.

GLK

GLK

GLK

DON'T TALK IN RIDDLES.

IF YOU WANT TO PARTNER UP, SHARE SOME INFORMATION.

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WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

ONCE YOU TAKE A BREATH...

...ALL YOU CAN DO IS GO FORWARD.

...PEOPLE ARE MADE TO REACH...

...WHEREVER THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO REACH.

SOMETIMES IT'S IMPORTANT IN LIFE TO MOVE FORWARD ONCE YOU'VE MADE UP YOUR MIND. WHEN YOU DO...

THOSE WERE MY GRAND-FATHER'S WORDS. THE ONLY PERSON I RESPECTED IN MY FAMILY.

WHEREVER THAT MAY BE.

RIGHT?

I GUESS WE ARRIVE SOMEWHERE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER.

FINE...

WE EVENTUALLY REACH SOME KIND OF DESTINATION.

ME, YOU, ALL OF US.

...BUT THAT'S RIGHT.

I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE REFERRING TO...

TELL ME ONE THING...

WHY DID YOU PICK HIM?

YOU'RE BEING AWFULLY SERIOUS.

THIS IS SERIOUS.

THINGS COULD GO BAD DEPENDING ON YOUR ANSWER.

IF I HAD TO SAY...

OF THE FEW PEOPLE I'VE MET HERE...

HE'S THE ONE WHO HASN'T FORGOTTEN THE WAYS OF THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

WHOSE INVENTORY OF COMPASSION HASN'T BEEN CLEARED OUT.

YET, HE KNOWS THE RULES OF THIS TOWN...

AND THAT'S WHO HE IS.

HOW'S THAT?

YOU'RE BASICALLY CORRECT...

THE ABILITY TO JUDGE PROPERLY IS ONE OF THE SECRETS TO SURVIVAL.

PERHAPS.

WELL? HAVE I PASSED THE TEST?

I'LL ASK YOU ONE MORE TIME.

WHY DID YOU COME TO ME?

YEAH...

YOU PASSED.

THE SAME REASON YOU WENT TO HIM FOR HELP.

BECAUSE LIKE HIM, YOU SMELL LIKE AN OUTSIDER.

...

KLACH

WHAT THE...?

WHAT HAPPENED?

I KNOW YOU HAVE A TON OF QUESTIONS.

AND THERE'S A LOT I NEED SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT, BUT...

...LET US IN FIRST.

I DON'T HAVE TIME TO EXPLAIN. IF YOU DON'T...

LIKE A GEYSER, SHE'LL...

GUP

HRRRGHLAAAH

A BUCKET! A BUCKET!

WAAA! NOOOOO!

SPLA

SH

SO...?

HOW MANY BOTTLES DID SHE OPEN?

KL NK

YOU WANT TO KNOW?

WE STARTED WITH GANJIU. WE HAD, UH...

FIVE OF THAT.

BACARDI.

YEAH, THAT'S IT...

THEN WE HAD THAT ONE THE PIRATES DRANK IN *TREASURE ISLAND*. WHAT WAS IT...?

I KNOW SHE'S NO LIGHTWEIGHT. IT MUST'VE BEEN QUITE A BIT.

ZS

UNBELIEVABLE.

SHE'D BE DEAD IF SHE DIDN'T HAVE A STEEL LIVER.

H HH H

WE HAD FOUR OF THAT.

THEN BY THE TIME WE FINISHED A BOTTLE OF OLD OVERHOLT, SHE PASSED OUT.

ANYWAY, I FOUND OUT WHO COULD TAKE CARE OF HER AND SO WE ENDED UP HERE.

I'M STRONG AGAINST MISFORTUNES AND ALCOHOL.

ZSH H H

I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW YOU SEEM TO BE ALL RIGHT.

ESPECIALLY SINCE YOU TWO WERE...

...SHOOTING AT EACH OTHER'S FACES LAST NIGHT.

KL KK

WELL I THANK YOU FOR THAT...

BUT...

...BEFORE YOU BROUGHT HER HERE...

YOU SHOULD'VE SKIPPED TOWN.

BESIDES ...

WE UNEXPECTEDLY SEEM TO HAVE A MUTUAL INTEREST.

...?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

WOULD I HAVE LEFT TOWN IF THAT WOULD'VE ENDED THE GAME?

YES.

BUT UNFORTUNATELY, THAT'S NOT HOW IT WORKS.

WELL...

THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED TO TELL YOU BEFORE I START EXPLAINING.

THANKS, BUT I DON'T SMOKE.

SHE TOLD ME WHY I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO...

...GET YOU ON BOARD WITH ME.

THE MAID AND HER YOUNG MASTER...

THE DETAILS OF THE INCIDENT YOU WERE...

JUSTICE, VIRTUE, DIGNITY...

AND ALL KINDS OF OTHER CATASTROPHES.

...INVOLVED IN A LITTLE WHILE AGO.

URGH ...

I'M BORROWING YOUR SHOWER...

BUMP

THUD

SHIT... UGH, WHICH WAY'S THE FLOOR?!

ROOOCK!

THAT'S ALL GOT...

...NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.

ZSHHHH

...

ESPECIALLY SINCE I'M FACED WITH A...

...LIFE OR DEATH SITUATION.

AS LONG AS THAT'S TRUE, IT DOES HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH ME.

IT'S ONE OF THE REASONS YOU TURNED ME AWAY...

UNLESS WE TALK ABOUT IT...

...MY BATTLE...

...CAN'T START.

HWOO

SLAU

WELCAME

I PROBABLY DON'T LOOK LIKE I'M PHILOSOPHIZ-ING, DO I?

WHAT'S THAT WESTERN COUNTING RHYME?

OF COURSE NOT.

DO YOU WANT TO?

YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE NOT SURE...

...YOU WANT TO TELL ME OR NOT.

"EENY, MEENY, MINY, MOE."

I DO.

THEN I WON'T BE BOTHERED BY UNNECESSARY CRAP.

GOT ANY BEER...?

I'LL TAKE SOME WATER IF YOU DON'T.

OH C'MON.

IT'S FOR THE BOTH OF US.

KCHA

IT'S NOT A CONVERSATION WE CAN HAVE SOBER, IS IT?

KT

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THERE'RE SOME SINGHAS AND SAN MIGUELS IN THERE...

YOU'RE ...

...GONNA DRINK SOME MORE?

WHAP

WELL, WHERE SHOULD WE START?

YOU KNOW WHAT...?

THE NIGHT'S STILL YOUNG. LET'S MAKE SMALL TALK.

...BUT YOU'RE AN ANOMALY.

YOU'RE USED TO THIS TOWN...

THE FIRST THING I THOUGHT WHEN I SAW YOU.

SO THEN WHY?

...WOULDN'T HAVE ENDED UP HERE.

ORDINARILY, YOU...

SINGHA

IT WAS A LONG, LONG TIME AGO...

THERE WAS A GUY WHO WAS CONFUSED ABOUT HIS OWN WORTH...

THAT WAS HOW IT ALL STARTED.

HE WAS ORDERED TO CLEAN UP THE MESS HIS COMPANY AND HIS BOSSES LEFT BEHIND. AND HE THOUGHT HE COULD DO IT TOO.

THEY SET YOU UP...

A PREDICTABLE TURN OF EVENTS.

LIKE THROWING AWAY AN INACCURATE FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

...AND THEN LEFT YOU?

MY COMPANY AND MY BOSSES THREW ME INTO THE DUMPSTER.

BUT ...

...YOU SURVIVED.

AND YOU'RE STILL HERE.

YOU DIDN'T CONSIDER GOING BACK?

...WAS ALSO A MISGUIDED ASSUMPTION.

I REALIZED SOMETHING ELSE WHEN I LEARNED MY VALUE.

THE VALUE I PLACED ON WHERE I WAS IN MY LIFE...

...THERE WAS NO TURNING BACK.

ONCE I REALIZED THAT...

...WAS SIMPLY WHAT I HOPED IT WAS WORTH.

THE VALUE I PUT ON MY LIFE...

YOU AREN'T USING THE CORRECT TERMINOLOGY.

THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A WAY BACK?

IT WASN'T THAT I COULDN'T GO BACK...

...I JUST DIDN'T WANT TO ANYMORE.

LET ME CORRECT MYSELF.

BUT IF THAT'S WHAT YOU CHOSE...

THE THINGS YOU ACHIEVED BACK HOME...

YOU STUFFED THEM INTO THE TRASH CAN.

...I DON'T KNOW.

WHETHER YOU TURNED YOUR BACK ON YOUR COUNTRY OR YOUR COUNTRY TURNED ITS BACK ON YOU...

...YOU SHOULD GO WHEREVER IT TAKES YOU FROM THERE.

THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT.

...

EVEN THE FIRST ACT OF OUR TRASH-CAN LIVES...

IT'S ALMOST FUNNY HOW SIMILAR WE ARE.

YOU AND I HAVE LOT IN COMMON.

SSHS

THAT'S RIGHT.

I'M FROM WAY, WAY OUT IN THE STICKS, EVEN IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS. SO DEEP THERE MIGHT AS WELL BE YETIS.

EVEN BEFORE THAT.

YOU'RE FROM JAPAN... TOKYO?

YOU MEAN TO SAY WE WERE DUPED?

THANKS TO MY GRANDFATHER WHO SERVED IN THE EIGHTH ROUTE ARMY DURING THE CIVIL WAR...

...EVEN WITHIN THAT PETTY HIERARCHY, OUR FAMILY WAS ABLE TO BECOME SOMETHING LIKE KING OF THE HILL.

HAVE YOU SEEN ONE?

I HAVE THREE OLDER BROTHERS. THE OLDEST IS THE SECOND SECRETARY OF THE RESIDENTS' COMMITTEE.

NOT A BAD POSITION FOR DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS.

OF COURSE NOT, DUMMY. BUT...

...EVEN DEEP IN THOSE MOUNTAINS THERE WAS A LUDICROUS POWER STRUCTURE.

DIDN'T THEY...

...HAVE ANY EXPECTA-TIONS OF YOU?

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

NO.

IF THEY DID, YOU WOULD'VE CHOSEN YOUR OWN PATH.

BUT I KNEW BETTER THAN ANYBODY.

I THINK THEY WANTED ME TO MARRY SOME RICH GUY IN SOME PLACE LIKE CHONGQING.

THAT'S RIGHT.

MY PARENTS UNDERSTOOD TOO.

...WHILE I WAS WANDERING AIMLESSLY, NOT KNOWING WHAT MY PATH WAS...

BUT I ENDED UP ENROLLING IN THE P.L.A.'S ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING INSTITUTE LIKE I'D BEEN RUN OUT OF TOWN.

...I GOT MIXED UP IN THIS STUPID MESS IN THIS GOD-FORSAKEN PLACE.

AND...

...KNEW YOU WOULD END UP HERE...

...WOULD YOU HAVE CHOSEN A DIFFERENT PATH?

OR...

HEY...

IF YOU...

YEAH...

I THINK I STILL...

...WOULD HAVE COME HERE.

WHAT A SURPRISE ...

I JUST REALIZED.

AM I CHINESE?

NO.

MY WORK?

NO.

THE LIFE AND RELATION-SHIPS I'VE MADE FOR MYSELF SO FAR?

NO.

MY PAST, MY HOME, MY COUNTRY, MY QUALIFICA-TIONS...

THEY TOOK IT ALL FROM ME. JUST LIKE THEY DID TO YOU.

WELL, LET ME ASK YOU THIS INSTEAD.

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EVEN IF...

...YOU KNEW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN?

WHAT AM I RIGHT NOW?

WHO EXACTLY AM I?

BUT...

...I KNOW I'M STILL HERE, ALIVE.

BEING KILLED...

DYING ON THE STREETS...

ONLY I CAN CHOOSE.

HOW I LIVE AND HOW I DIE...

ONLY I CAN DECIDE THAT.

AND THAT'S GREAT.

NOW THAT...

...IS EXCITING.

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YEAH.

MAYBE IT IS.

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SHE'S BEEN IN THERE A WHILE.

REVY.

BY THE WAY...

IT'S A BIT OFF THE SUBJECT, BUT...

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WHAA-AAAAT?!

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TOWEL! A TOWEL!

SHE'S PASSED OUT!

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[redacted]

WHAT? ZAMID DHIYAB'S...

...DEAD?

WE FOUND OUT LATE CUZ HIS MISTRESS WAS TRYING TO PILFER HIS ASSETS...

APPARENTLY HE FELL OVERBOARD ...

...DURING A CRUISE IN MALTA.

YOU'RE JOKING.

WHO'S THE SOURCE?

MR. RONALD!

LET ME EXPLAIN.

SCOTLAND YARD.

THE YARD.

I WON'T EVER GO NEAR IT AGAIN AND I WON'T GO TO THE COPS ABOUT IT.

I'LL TAKE WHATEVER YOU OFFER. SO...

THE YARD?

GOD FUCKING DAMN IT.

PLEASE FORGIVE ME.

THAT TITLE DEED WAS A MISTAKE. I ADMIT IT.

URRRGH!

I GOT NO BUSINESS WITH SOME AQUARIUM DECORATION. GET DOWN THERE WITH THE BOTTOM FEEDERS ALREADY.

GRK GRK GRK

HOW STRANGE. THIS FISH REEF'S TALKING.

SAMMY, I WAS ONLY TALKING TO YOU ABOUT THE DEED BECAUSE YOU WEREN'T FISH FOOD YET.

KR

KRUNCH

GOT THAT?

IF ONLY I COULD GO DOWN TO THAT COAL MINE IN HELL AND KILL HIM PROPERLY.

AND? WHERE'S THE ALBANIANS' MONEY?

AAA

I LOST MY TRAIN OF THOUGHT, WHAT WERE WE... OH...

UH...

WELL... THAT'S ...

G

H!

ZAMID, YEAH, THAT FUCKER ZAMID.

HE SHITS ALL OVER THE PLACE AND THEN DIES ON ME!

NOT THE WEATHER OR THE STOCK PRICES. THE MONEY, CAMILLO.

HEY, CAMILLO. GIMME A BREAK.

THE THING I REALLY WANNA TALK ABOUT IS THE LOCATION OF THE MONEY.

...

WHERE'S THE MONEY, HUH?

YOU WANNA ADD ANOTHER DECORATION?

I ALREADY MADE AN ALLOWANCE FOR THAT. THE ISSUE IS WHETHER THE YARD KNOWS ABOUT THE ACCOUNT.

THAT AIN'T SOMETHING SOME DIMWIT BITCH CAN HANDLE ON HER OWN.

KLAK

KLAK

KLAK

WE DON'T KNOW. I'M SORRY, BOSS.

HIS WHORE WAS LIFTED BEFORE SHE GOT HER HANDS ON HIS ASSETS.

I CAN GUARANTEE THAT, BOSS. SO...

CAMILLO ...

KLAK KLAK KLAK

I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT THAT, BOSS.

AND ZAMID WAS CAUTIOUS. HE DEFINITELY...

...WOULD'VE MOVED IT SOMEWHERE SAFE WHERE NOBODY COULD GET TO IT.

FROM WHAT'S BEEN LEAKED, THERE WAS NOTHING ABOUT NO ACCOUNT.

W...

WELL ...

NOT A SINGLE PROBLEM'S BEEN SOLVED.

CAMILLO, HERE'S AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.

WAS ZAMID DONE CASHING IT IN?

...IS GONNA DIG IT UP?

...THEN WHO THE HELL...

IF IT'S SOMEWHERE SAFE WHERE ONLY HE COULD GET TO...

KLANK

GRII

AS SOON AS HE WAS BACK FROM VACATION...

KLANK

GRII

...AND O'NEIL & JENKINS MINERALS.

IT'S GONE THROUGH THE BULLION BANK AND THE MINING COMPANY HE HAD CLOSE TIES TO...

...

WHO'S THE SECONDARY ACCOUNT HOLDER?

...A BANK TO A SHELL COMPANY SOMEWHERE LIKE PANAMA.

...I THINK HE WAS THINKING ABOUT MOVING THE LAUNDERED MONEY FROM...

BUT THAT'S A DEAD END.

I THOUGHT OF THAT TOO.

HE HAD NO SUPER-VISORY AUTHORITY OVER THE ACCOUNT.

POFF

SP

RONNIE! PLEASE! HELP ME!

I'M BEGGIN' YOU PLEASE!

SPSHH

I'M THINKIN' HERE. SHUT UP.

HEY, NICO. SINK HIM ALREADY!

SP

YOU'RE KIDDING ME, RIGHT, RONALD?!

...

WE AIN'T LIKE THE RUSSIANS. WE CAN'T GO BUSTING HEADS OPEN OVER THIS.

IF SO...

SH

PLEASE! DON'T DO THIS!

SPLASH

SPLASH

WE'LL JUST HAVE TO FIND SOMEBODY SUITABLE TO COOK THE BOOKS.

DO WHATEVER YOU GOTTA DO, CAMILLO.

BLA GH

GLUGG

THE ALBANIANS ARE PAST THEIR DEADLINE...

AND DON MONTOVERTI IS ON EDGE ABOUT THIS.

GBAH

VRR

OR

UGH...

MY HEAD'S STILL RINGING...

I NEED SOME HAIR OF THE DOG.

VR R R R R

THERE AIN'T NOWHERE TO GET A FANCY ESPRESSO AROUND HERE.

WANNA STOP BY A STORE?

UNLESS WE'RE GOING TO THE MALL IN MAPRAO.

YEAH...

...

I'LL GO ALONG WITH HER...

FOR NOW AT LEAST.

YOU DONE...

...TALKING WITH THAT GIRL?

HEY, ROCK...

...WEIGHT'S BEEN LIFTED OFF YOUR SHOULDERS THEN.

SO A LITTLE...

I SEE...

HMPH...

I'M SORRY YOU HAD TO WORRY ABOUT ME.

...IT COULDN'T BE ANY BETTER. THAT'S ALL I THOUGHT...

IF IT AMUSED YOU...

THANKS, REVY.

IT'S TOO LATE NOW.

DON'T GET ALL SOFT ON ME LIKE A WASHED UP JELLYFISH, ROCK.

YEAH.

BUT I HAVE NO INTENTION OF GETTING TOO DEEPLY INVOLVED.

YESTERDAY WAS YESTERDAY, TOMORROW'S TOMORROW.

I GOT YOUR BACK, SO...

...DO WHAT YOU WANNA DO.

IT'S PRETTY UNUSUAL OF YOU TO BE SO CHUMMY WITH SOMEONE YOU HAD A SHOOTOUT WITH JUST THE OTHER DAY.

HOW'D THAT HAPPEN?

SHE SAID...

...THE SAME THING.

BE THAT AS IT MAY...

DID SOMETHING HAPPEN BETWEEN YOU TWO BEFORE YOU CAME...

... STUMBLING INTO MY PLACE UNCONSCIOUS?

NOT REALLY.

IT WAS NO BIG DEAL.

DOIN' SOMETHING ABOUT SOMETHING AMBIGUOUS...

FORGET IT. IT DOESN'T MATTER.

SO WHERE DO YOU WANNA START?

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?

WHAT'D YOU...

ALL I KNOW IS THAT JANE'S TRAP IS EXTREMELY WELL THOUGHT OUT...

IT WAS LITERALLY A DEATH TRAP FOR FENG. THAT'S ABOUT IT.

I DON'T KNOW.

I CAN'T SEE THE BIG PICTURE YET.

...WAS WHERE WE AGREED. THAT'S ALL.

...TO OPEN HER MOUTH?

SHOULD WE GET THAT FREAK...

THERE ARE PLENTY OF WAYS TO DO SO.

TWI

TCH!

OH, SWEETIE PIE!

SOMEBODY WALKED OVER MY GRAVE!

I GOT THE CHILLS FOR NO REASON!

WHAT'S WRONG?

CATCH A COLD?

OH JEEZUS.

I'M SCARED, DARLING!

I'M SCARED SO TAKE ME!

IN ROANAPUR'S TERMS, IT'S A CLEAR VICTORY FOR JANE.

...WE CAN PURSUE IT FURTHER WITH HER, BUT EVERYTHING WE NEED TO KNOW IS ALREADY OUT IN THE OPEN.

LET'S DROP JANE FOR NOW.

I DON'T WANT TO GET ROUGH ON A COLLEAGUE. BESIDES...

IT AIN'T HARD TO SEND THEM TO HELL, BUT...

...IF WE DON'T NIP THIS IN THE BUD, SOMEBODY ELSE WILL TAKE OVER FOR THEM QUICK.

THEY'RE LIKE ROACHES. THEY NEVER GO AWAY.

I'VE NEVER SEEN THEM AROUND HERE BEFORE. BUT THEIR LACK OF HESITATION IS A SIGN THEY KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING.

THEY'LL BE BACK SOONER OR LATER.

THE SEED OF TROUBLE IS STILL BURIED IN THE GROUND.

THOSE HIT MEN THAT TURNED OUR CAR INTO SCRAP OVER AT THE YELLOW FLAG...

THAT HIDEOUT- WILL IT GIVE US THAT TIME?

THIS DELAY IS A WAY TO BUY US TIME.

I KNOW.

...BUT OF THE PLACES I KNOW, IT'S THE ONE I TRUST THE MOST.

YEAH.

NOTHING'S PERFECT...

VRAAA

COMPARED TO THE MANAGERS OF SOME MOTELS AROUND HERE...

...THEY'RE WAY MORE DISCREET AND WE OWE EACH OTHER A FAVOR.

ONCE WE TAKE CARE OF OUR ON-SHORE BUSINESS...

LET'S GO MAKE ANOTHER VISIT BEFORE SUNSET.

PAXSON!

HEY, PAXSON, YOU LISTENING?!

FORGET IT! THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO WHEN HE'S LIKE THAT.

BACK TO BUSINESS.

IT'S VERY LIKELY THEY WERE SIMPLY CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF IT.

THEY WERE PROBABLY JUST PASSING BY.

RIGHT.

SO WE HAVE AN IDEA OF WHO THOSE PEOPLE ARE THAT YOU EXCHANGED FIRE WITH.

YOU'RE SAYING IT WAS A COINCI-DENCE?

SO I WON'T GET TO SEE HER AGAIN?

OH, MAN. SHE WAS SO FINE TOO.

AH, ROB. YOU'RE NOT GOING DOWN THAT PATH OF SIN AGAIN, ARE YOU?

HOW MANY YEARS DID YOU SPEND IN THAT ARIZONA PRISON?

IT WAS MOST LIKELY THE LAGOON TRADERS- A GUN-HAND BELONGING TO THEIR CREW.

I WAS JUST UNLUCKY. YOU KNOW THAT.

I ONLY WANTED TO GET IT ON WITH HER REAL FRIENDLY, BUT THE SHE STARTED KICKIN' AND SCREAMIN'...

YOU FUCKED HER AFTER YOU BLEW HER HEAD OFF, ROB.

YOU GOT THE ORDER MIXED UP.

HOWEVER, THEY WEREN'T NECESSARILY ASSISTING THE TARGET...

I DIDN'T COME HERE...

...TO LISTEN TO THIS!

YO.

ME NEITHER, CHINAMAN.

IT WOULD'VE BEEN A WASTE.

THAT WOULD'VE MEANT SHE DIED FOR NOTHING, YEAH?

UH...

THAT'S ENOUGH.

IT WAS AN ACCIDENT.

I WAS GONNA GET OUTTA THERE, HONEST. BUT...

...MY LITTLE BOY JUST WOULDN'T SETTLE DOWN.

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THAT, CHINAMAN?

BUT...

...IF THOSE GUYS ARE GOING TO BE INVOLVED AGAIN, THAT'S A PROBLEM FOR US.

IF IT BECOMES CLEAR THAT THEY'RE PROTECTING THE TARGET...

...THAT WOULD CREATE A DISCREPANCY IN OUR AGREEMENT. IT WOULD AFFECT OUR COMPENSATION.

TITS...

...

THAT'S HARD TO SAY.

I CAN'T SAY ANYTHING CERTAIN AT THE MOMENT.

...IS FOR EX-SERGEANT LI TO BE SWIFTLY NEUTRALIZED.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE...

WE ONLY PAY FOR THE JOB WE REQUEST.

IT AIN'T WORTH IT. WE'D BE RISKING TOO MUCH.

IF YOU CONSIDER THIS TO BE ONE JOB, GO HIRE SOMEONE ELSE.

YO.

THE STAKES HAVE BEEN RAISED, CHINAMAN.

I'M GLAD YOU UNDER-STAND.

YOU MAY NOT BELIEVE IN THE LORD, BUT I'M SURE YOU'LL FIND YOUR WAY TO COMMUNIST HEAVEN.

SCRAPE

ALTHOUGH THIS GOES AGAINST MY BETTER JUDGMENT, THIS IS AN URGENT MATTER...

I'LL SPEAK TO MY SUPERIORS ABOUT YOUR COMPENSATION.

WE'RE SHORT-STAFFED, BUT WE HAVE PEOPLE ON HER.

I'LL LET YOU KNOW AS SOON AS WE LOCATE THE TARGET.

KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH, CHINAMAN.

THIS TOWN IS IN THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH. AIN'T NO PLACE TO BE WANDERING AROUND BLINDLY.

BY THE WAY...

I CAN'T HOLD BACK ANYMORE! L-L-LET'S GET IT ON!

YIEEE! SOME-BODY!

BABY! BABY!

...YOUR FOURTH BROTHER...

ABOUT...

HEY! GET THAT GUY OUTTA HERE!

THUD

HEY! HANDS OFF THE DANCER!

WH

GYAAH

P-P-P-PUSSY! PUSSY! PUSSY!

YAAAH! EEEEK!

WAM

KCHK

I HATE HICKS THAT DON'T KNOW HOW TO PROPERLY HAVE A GOOD TIME.

PROBABLY A VIRGIN.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

THAT GUY RIGHT THERE. THE MUSCLE-HEAD WRESTLING WITH JULIAN D.

SOME ASSHOLE JUMPED UP ON STAGE.

WHAT'S UP, JOANNA?

OH.

WE GET TWO OR THREE IDIOTS EVERY MONTH THAT CAN'T HOLD THEMSELVES BACK.

DOES JULIAN NEED HELP?

WE CAN GIVE HIM A HAND.

IT'S AWFULLY NOISY OUT THERE.

IT'S NO BIG DEAL.

BUT IF THEIR FRIENDLY CONVERSATION TIME'S OVER... THEN MAYBE.

SORRY ABOUT THAT.

IT'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS, SO GET USED TO IT. MISS, UH...

"FENG" IS FINE.

I DON'T MIND A LITTLE NOISE. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

MY WORK-PLACE... I MEAN, FORMER WORKPLACE, REQUIRED MORE THAN JUST COMPUTER SKILLS.

THERE'S MORE THAN JUST HIDING OUR BROODING FACES BEHIND A NEWSPAPER...

...IN THE INTELLI-GENCE BUSINESS.

EXIT

HMM.

YOU'RE PRETTY SOCIAL.

I THOUGHT EVERYBODY FROM THE "PLANET OF THE GEEKS" WERE INTROVERTED NERDS.

IF THAT HELPS THINGS RUN SMOOTHLY, ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU SHOULD DO?

I'M NOT HALF BAD AT IT EITHER. ALTHOUGH I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT THAT INDIAN GIRL.

OF COURSE.

YOU SAYIN' BEING FRIENDLY IS A PART OF BEING A SPY?

Bye!

HOW SHE'S STILL ALIVE OUGHTA BE ONE OF THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD.

I THINK WE CAN ALL AGREE ON THAT.

ANY-WAY ...

SHE'S A WORLD RECORD HOLDER IN THAT SENSE.

SHE COULD HAVE A GUN POINTED AT HER HEAD...

...AND SHE'D JOKE ABOUT WHAT THE SHOOTER'S MOST SELF-CONSCIOUS ABOUT AND LAUGH HER ASS OFF. SHE'S INCAPABLE OF READING THE SITUATION.

THERE ARE SEVERAL CONDITIONS THAT NEED TO BE MET IN ORDER TO SAVE YOU FROM YOUR CURRENT SITUATION...

THE KEY TO RESOLVING IT IS STILL FOGGY.

LET'S GET BACK TO IT.

IN OTHER WORDS ...

WE CAN'T SECURE YOUR SAFETY UNLESS EITHER YOUR ENEMIES GIVE UP OR WE ELIMINATE THEIR REASONS FOR CHASING YOU.

EVEN IF WE ELIMINATE YOUR PURSUERS, THERE'LL BE MORE.

I TOLD REVY, BUT JANE'S VISIT HERE WAS RATHER MEANINGLESS.

ONCE THE TRAP WAS SET, THE SITUATION WAS OUT OF HER HANDS.

UNFOR-TUNATELY, THAT'S EXACTLY THE CASE RIGHT NOW.

AS LONG AS JANE'S LEAD IS DEAD, WE'LL HAVE TO COME AT IT FROM A DIFFERENT ANGLE.

SO MY HANDS ARE TIED.

HOLD ON, ROCK.

YOU'RE PUTTING YOURSELF IN A CORNER. "IT'S HARD TO TELL A POOR THINKER FROM A SLEEPING ONE".

I FEEL LIKE IT'S ALMOST AT THE TIP OF MY TONGUE, BUT...

...I CAN'T PUT MY FINGER ON IT.

BUT THERE HAS TO BE A WAY.

A FEMALE WHITE-COLLAR CRIMINAL NAMED BITOK USED TO SAY THAT ALL THE TIME LIKE SHE WAS PRAYING AT MASS.

IT'S NOT THAT COMPLICATED.

WHEN YOU'RE AT YOUR WIT'S END, SOMETIMES IT HELPS TO BE STUPID.

?

WHAT DO YOU ...?

TO SIMPLY REVIEW EVERYTHING SHE'S DONE SO FAR... THAT'S WHAT I MEAN.

KLIK

LET'S SAY FOR EXAMPLE...

WE WIPE THE SLATE CLEAN AND START WITHOUT ANY PRECONCEP-TIONS...

THE TRAP JANE SET AND THE DETAILS OF HOW YOU GOT CAUGHT IN IT. ALL OF IT.

SOME-WHERE IN THERE...

...IS THE KEY THAT WILL SAVE YOU.

YEAH ...

I GUESS IT'S NOT A BAD IDEA TO RE-EXAMINE THE SITUATION.

BUT, UM...

I WOULDN'T KNOW WHERE TO START...

WHAT THAT BUSTY INDIAN GIRL ORDERED ME TO DO WAS...

...INFILTRATE A GERMAN AVIONICS MANUFACTUER BY USING A CERTAIN COMPANY AS A STEPPING-STONE AND EXTRACT SOME DATA.

OKAY, ALL RIGHT...

JUST THINKING ABOUT IT GIVES ME THE FITS, BUT I'LL TRY.

BUT...

...AS YOU KNOW, EVERYTHING WAS A SHAM.

THAT "CERTAIN COMPANY" WAS...

...A FRONT COMPANY FOR MY REAL EMPLOYER.

...SHE WAS PUTTING TOGETHER EVIDENCE...

...OF THE P.L.A.'S OPERATIONS IN ORDER TO DRAG OUR FRONT COMPANY, "ANNENHEIM DISTRIBUTIONS" OUT IN THE OPEN FOR REINBACH TO SEE. THAT'S KINDA WHAT I THINK HAPPENED.

SHE AND THE OTHER HACKERS LET ME THROUGH A BACK DOOR THEY OPENED...

THIS IS PURE SPECU-LATION BUT...

...AND WHILE I WAS STUPIDLY SEARCHING IN THE WRONG AREA...

...THAT SOMEBODY WOULD STUPIDLY OPEN UP ABOUT THE SPECIFICS OF AN OPERATION THEY'RE INVOLVED IN WHILE EATING LUNCH...

IF MY DEPARTMENT WAS SO UNGUARDED ...

ARE YOU BEING SERIOUS?

AND YOU DIDN'T KNOW...

...OUR SPY AGENCIES WOULD BE OUT OF BUSINESS.

DEVELOPING WINDOWS GAMES WOULD BE MUCH MORE PRODUCTIVE FOR MY COUNTRY.

YOU'RE ABSO-LUTELY RIGHT.

IT'D BE A WASTE OF TAXPAYERS' MONEY.

...THAT SHELL COMPANY HAD ANY TIES TO YOU OR YOUR PEOPLE?

...WITH A NOTE THAT SAID "WORLD'S FUNNIEST HOME VIDEO ENCLOSED."

...AND ATTACHED A BUSINESS CARD OF WHICH COMPANY HIRED THIS THIEF...

...MY INFILTRATION FROM BEGINNING TO END...

SO THEN THEY IN EFFECT "VIDEO-TAPED"...

MY BOSSES WOULD BE FURIOUS...

YOU KNOW THE REST.

THE GERMANS, WHO HAVE SUSPECTED THE P.L.A. FOR A LONG TIME, MUST HAVE BEEN LAUGHING THEIR ASSES OFF...

I THINK SHE WAS HIRED BY REINBACH.

THEY MUST'VE GOTTEN SUSPICIOUS AND KEPT AN EYE ON THEM.

IN MY OPINION ...

FOO!

WHERE DID JANE...

...GAIN INSIDE KNOWLEDGE OF ANNENHEIM?

I COULDN'T TELL YOU THAT.

FIRST OF ALL, I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHICH SECTION OR FOR WHAT OPERATIONS THEY'VE BEEN USING IT FOR.

I WONDER HOW LONG...

...THE P.L.A.'S BEEN USING ANNENHEIM FOR ITS OPERATIONS?

MAYBE WE SHOULD...

...BREAK IN THERE ONE MORE TIME.

...

ABSO-LUTELY.

IF YOU COULD TAKE ME SOMEPLACE WITH A MACHINE...

WHERE WE GONNA FIND A MACHINE?

BENNY'S GEAR'S ON THE SHIP.

...I'D LOVE TO START RIGHT AWAY.

WHERE JANE FIRST SET HER UP.

THE INTERNET CAFÉ IN NANKWAI.

FWEET

TYP

TYP

I DIDN'T KNOW THIS TOWN HAD SHIT LIKE THAT.

YOU CALLED?

IT'S DECIDED THEN.

REVY? IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME!

YOU SHOULD GET UP ON STAGE ONCE IN A WHILE.

YEAH, ONE OF THESE DAYS.

BY THE WAY, I GOT A FAVOR TO ASK...

WHAT?

HOW UNUSUAL FOR YOU TO ASK US FOR A FAVOR. SOUNDS FUN.

WAAA! W-W-WAIT!

GYAAAH

SEIZE

I NEED YOU TO DRESS THIS FOUR-EYES UP...

...SO SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE FITS IN AROUND HERE.

สงสัยไม่ได้

อินเตอร์เน็ตคาเฟ่

WHAT A SURPRISE ...

...TO SEE A GIRL IN AN INTERNET CAFÉ IN THIS TOWN.

KLAKKA KLAKKA

KLAK

HEY, YOU.

WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?

FROM THAT DOOR OVER THERE.

HEY.

AND?

DID YOU GROW OUT OF THE GROUND?

YOU WANT ME TO TEACH YOU...

... HOW TO TOUCH-TYPE...

TAK

That's enough. Get out !

TAK TAK

HAVEN'T SEEN YOU AROUND HERE BEFORE.

WHERE YOU FROM, GIRL?

CH

AK

SIU

FF

YOU A FINE PIECE OF ASS.

TOO BAD YOUR TITS AIN'T ALL THAT...

YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO GIVE ME A DISCOUNT.

WHERE YOU USUALLY WORKING AT?

SHE'S HERE ON PERSONAL BUSINESS.

SORRY, MAN.

TODAY'S HER DAY OFF.

YEAH, LIKE THAT. TIMES ARE TOUGH.

YOU GUYS EXPANDING INTO THE PIMPING BUSINESS THESE DAYS?

YOU'RE WITH LAGOON...

IF YOU WANT SOME ASS, GO SEE THE GUYS IN THE ALLEY OVER THERE OR THE BROTHEL AT THE YELLOW FLAG.

SHIT.

ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT!

KLIK

I'LL GO HAVE MY FUN SOMEPLACE ELSE, SO PUT THAT AWAY!

ALSO...

IT'S THE SELLER THAT PUTS A PRICE ON CHEST SIZE. REMEMBER THAT.

YEEE

WHAT'RE YOU LOOKING AT? THIS AIN'T NO SHOW!

SIDDOWN AND GO WATCH SOME VIDEO OF AN OLD FART SCREWIN' A HORSE!

FEH.

TAKE MY EYES OFF YOU FOR A SECOND...

JESUS ...

OK

THEY SEEM TO HAVE TECHS MONITORING IT... BUT I WON'T MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE TWICE.

THANKS TO PUTTING UP A NUMBER OF SAFEGUARDS, I'M IN THERE SAFELY FOR NOW.

LUCKILY ANNENHEIM DISTRIBUTION ITSELF ISN'T COMPLETELY GONE.

TOK ooo

WELL?

FIND ANY-THING?

TAK TAK TAK

I FOUND SOMETHING LIKE THAT WHILE YOU GUYS WERE AT THE STAND.

ENCRYPTION SOFTWARE 975'S EMAIL FILTER WE USED TO USE A LOT.

THERE MUST BE...

...SOME KIND OF CLUE IN THERE.

LET'S GO THROUGH ALL THE LOGS LEFT ON THIS SERVER.

THE TRAP'S DOWN ALREADY. IT FOLLOWS THAT THE DATA'S STILL HERE.

TITTY GIRL'S OBJECTIVE WAS ONLY TO GATHER EVIDENCE OF THE P.L.A.'S SPYING ACTIVITIES. SHE WASN'T OBLIGATED TO CLEAN IT UP.

IT'S NOT A TRAP?

WHIRR-

DOWNLOADING ...

...NOW.

I KNOW WHAT THEY USED TO ENCRYPT IT. IT WON'T BE THAT DIFFICULT.

CAN YOU...

... DECRYPT IT?

THERE'S A TRACE OF FIRST BUREAU TRYING TO COVER THEIR TRACKS...

BUT THEY WERE CARELESS. THEY DIDN'T COMPLETELY DELETE IT. I CAN RESTORE IT.

WE'LL BE HERE ALL NIGHT IF WE DO. DO YOU WANT THAT?

CAN WE LIKE, PRINT IT?

HOW WE GONNA TAKE THIS WITH US?

THE FILE SIZE ISN'T TOO BIG.

DON'T WORRY. I'LL JUST BURN IT TO A CD.

SERIOUSLY ?

THAT'S WHY I HATE COMPUTERS.

IF IT'S SIMPLY TO VIEW IT, ALL WE'LL NEED IS A LAPTOP.

WHAT ABOUT THE INTERNET?

NOT A PROBLEM. WE WON'T NEED TO BE CONNECTED.

WHIRR

SO THIS IS THE ONLY CLUE WE HAVE SO FAR, BUT...

...IT'S A DAMN GOOD ONE.

PIP

อินเตอร์เน็ตคาเฟ COMPUTER

LET'S HIT THE MARKET IN MAPRAO ON OUR WAY BACK.

WE CAN BUY THAT SORT OF THING THERE.

CHK

RI RI RI RI♪

TARGET LOCATED... YES, I'M SURE.

CONTACT CAPTAIN YANG.

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BACK

IT'S TIME FOR DUTCH AND HIS DELIGHTFUL FRIENDS...

...BLACK LAGOON ♥

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE MOMENT YOU'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR ♥

BLACK LAGOON: THE STORY • DO YOU REMEMBER?

HUH? HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE A MAGICAL GIRL?

I AIN'T YOUR MASCOT, YOU FREAK!

C'MON, MY MASCOTS, ROCK ROCK AND REVY REVY!

LET'S GO SAVE THE POOR AND UNWASHED WITH OUR MAGICAL POWERS!

THIS PART OF THE BOOK ALWAYS SUCKS, BUT...

...IT'S FINALLY COME TO THIS.

MM...

MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE...

HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?

ARE THOSE PIGTAILS?

...FORGOT THE CHARACTER SETTINGS.

...THERE WAS SO MUCH TIME IN BETWEEN VOLUMES, THE AUTHOR ...

HI

NO!!

WHOA ?!

I'M FUHRER BALALAIKA!

THEY'VE ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THIS!

ANOTHER NEW BACKGROUND !!

THE BIG BOSS OF THE SECRET CRIMINAL SOCIETY, BOUGAIN-VILLEA!

BWAP

Robot Sergeant

C'MON !!

COME REVIVE THE SOVIET EMPIRE WITH ME!!!!

HUA!

SWIRL

HMF!

HYA!

STOP RIGHT THERE, CHILD!!

HE KICKED A KID ?!

BOOT

DOS-V KICK!

WHAT NOW?!

I'M A NICE GUY WHO TRAVELS THE SEVEN SEAS!

TIME TO GET ROWDY AGAIN!!!

MY NAME IS *CAPTAIN BENNY!!*

OOOOW

C'MON, ROCK!

Click

See? My Vaio.

NO?

I'M A PROGRAM-MER.

I DON'T KNOW, BUT HE SEEMS STRONG!!

IS HE A FIGHTER-TYPE CHARAC-TER?!

OH ROBERTA, ROBERTA

NO, MY YOUNG MASTER

OUT OF BOUNDS! OUT OF BOUNDS!

A SHOJO COMIC?!

YOU WERE KILLED OFF!

GYAAA

HORROR VERSION OF THE TWINS?!

THEY'RE CREEPY!!

IT'S ME, ROCK! CAN'T YOU TELL?

POP

A COMIC STRIP VERSION OF MR. CHANG?!

WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO, ROCK?!

THIS IS RIDICULOUS!

THEY'RE DESTROYING THIS MANGA!

WE'RE GONNA...

...STICK WITH THESE SETTINGS IN VOLUME 11.

OKAY, I KNOW.

FIND OUT IN VOLUME 11!!

SERIOUSLY ...?

AFTERWORD

IT'S VOLUME 10. ALTHOUGH IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN OUT THREE YEARS AGO, A LOT OF THINGS OVERLAPPED AND I COULDN'T CONTINUE. IT ENDED UP BEING SOMETHING LIKE A HIATUS. I RESUMED ABOUT A YEAR LATER, BUT THE TANKO ENDED UP TAKING UNTIL NOW. LOOKING BACK, I SHOULD HAVE ANNOUNCED A HIATUS, BUT I DIDN'T THINK RETURNING WOULD TURN INTO SUCH A BIG DEAL. I TOOK IT TOO LIGHTLY...

THE PUBLIC SPREADS RUMORS EVEN ABOUT SOMEBODY LIKE ME. I OVERHEARD MANY CLAIMING IT WAS A HIATUS, ALTHOUGH THAT WAS FAR FROM THE TRUTH. I AM VERY SORRY.

ALL TOLD, I AM VERY GRATEFUL FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO PICKED UP THIS VOLUME. THANK YOU.

ALSO, THE LAST HALF OF VOLUME 10 IS ALL DIGITAL. AN ECO-FRIENDLY VERSION USING ABSOLUTELY NO PAPER. I WAS TRYING A LOT OF THINGS DURING MY ABSENCE. BUT IT HAS ITS MERITS AND DEMERITS, SO IT MAY CHANGE.

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